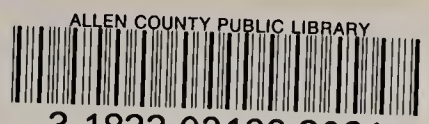
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HON. O. BYRON BREWSTER

# BIOGRAPHICAL

## HON. O. BYRON BREWSTER

Hon. O. Byron Brewster, a justice of the supreme court of New York and for many years a resident of Elizabethtown, was born in North Elba, Essex county, this state, July 23, 1886. His father, Byron R. Brewster, was born in Keene, New York, January 7, 1845, and died January 12, 1925. In both the paternal and maternal lines he was of English ancestry. On his father's side he was a direct lineal descendant of Thomas Nash, immigrant and one of a company who landed from the ship Hector at Boston, Massachusetts, July 26, 1637, and later became one of the founders of New Haven colony. He was also descended from Thomas Brewster, who removed from Duxbury, Vermont, to the town of Jay, Essex county, New York, about the year 1809. The earlier ancestors of Thomas Brewster are unknown, except that it is supposed that his forbears were early settlers in Connecticut or Massachusetts. Byron R. Brewster married Bidney Conoboy, who was born in Wilmington, New York, April 1, 1857, and died August 9, 1926. On her mother's side she came of English and Irish stock. Mrs. Brewster's father, Patrick Conoboy, came to this country from County Cork, Ireland, about the year 1840. Byron R. Brewster was an agriculturist and manufacturer and owner of a large tract of land in North Elba, becoming one of the most substantial citizens of Essex county. He long took a leading part in all movements for the general good, and the cause of prohibition found in him one of its most active and earnest supporters. Mrs. Brewster also was very active in this movement, and both she and her husband became widely known in that connection.

Hon. O. Byron Brewster, was graduated from the high school at Lake Placid, New York, in 1904 and in the fall of that year matriculated in Amherst College, which he attended for a year. From 1905 to 1908 he was a student at Syracuse University, from which he won the degree of Ph. B. in the latter year, and then entered the Albany Law School, receiving the LL. B. degree from that institution in 1910. Admitted to the New York bar October 1, 1910, he at once opened an office in Elizabethtown and has maintained his residence here for twenty-one years. He practiced successfully at Elizabethtown until 1928, when he was called to the bench, and as a member of the supreme court of the state his course has received strong indorsement. His rulings indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law, an unbiased judgment and a rare human understanding and consideration.

In December, 1911, at Albany, New York, was solemnized the marriage of Judge Brewster and Miss Maria Georgia Herie, who was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, April 18, 1892, and in both the paternal and maternal lines is of French ancestry. Her father, Ralph Herie, was born in Hull, Ontario, Canada, August 10, 1871, and now resides in Pittsfield. The mother, Oliva (Gregory) Herie, was born in Pittsfield, March 27, 1873, and died June 2, 1919. Judge and Mrs. Brewster have five children: Byron Gregory, who was born September 2, 1913; Martha Warren, born June 20, 1917; Jane Herie, January 25, 1921; Patricia Sumner, April 21, 1923; and Nancy Nash, March 7, 1929. The children are natives of Elizabethtown and all are at home save the eldest, Byron G., who is a member of the class of 1934 at Georgetown University in Washington, D. C.

Judge Brewster gives his political support to the republican party and from 1911 to 1915 was a member of the Essex county board of elections. In 1916 he was elected district attorney for Essex county and occupied the office until 1927. During the World war he was United States government appeal agent for Essex county. In Masonry he has connection with Adirondack Lodge, No. 602, F. & A. M.; Cedar Point Chapter, R. A. M.; Lake

Champlain Commandery, No. 74, K. T.; and Oriental Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Troy, New York. He belongs to Ticonderoga Lodge, No. 1492, B. P. O. E.; Adirondack Court, No. 68, Royal Order of Jesters; and the Adirondack Fish & Game Association. His college fraternities are Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Phi. He is likewise a member of the New York State District Attorneys Association, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Studious and industrious, Judge Brewster has constantly progressed and is a man of steadfast purpose and proved integrity who has dignified the profession of his choice.

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## HON. HERBERT VAN KIRK

Recognition of the fine legal ability and personal character of the Hon. Herbert Van Kirk was expressed by the voters of Washington county, New York, in the autumn of 1928, when he was elected to the position of surrogate judge of this county. The judge is a native of Greenwich, New York, where his birth occurred January 1, 1871, and he is a son of the late Norman and Kate (Conant) Van Kirk.

Norman Van Kirk was for many years prominent as a general merchant in Greenwich. He died in November, 1890. His wife was born in Burlington, Vermont, and she survived her husband until 1919. They were the parents of five children, one of whom died in infancy. William A. Van Kirk, a son, was for many years active in public affairs and served as town clerk from 1899 until 1916, which was the year of his demise. He was married to Miss Fannie G. Griffin, and to their union were born the following: Esther, who is the wife of J. D. Pettys of Troy, New York; Kate, who is married to Clarke Brownell of Menands, New York; and Charles B., who is a resident of California. Charles C. Van Kirk, another son, is a resident of Greenwich and is now a judge of the supreme court of New York. Edward N. Van Kirk, the third brother of Judge Herbert Van Kirk, graduated from

Colgate University in 1889, and resides in Mount Vernon, New York. He was formerly a member of the faculty of Colgate, and is now engaged in business. He married Mae E. Pease, a daughter of John D. Pease, who was executive head of the Pease Piano Manufacturing Company.

Judge Herbert Van Kirk completed his studies in the grade and high schools of his home community, and then entered Colgate University, which institution conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1894. For one year thereafter, he taught school in Stamford, Connecticut, later engaging in private tutoring for two years. His ambition was to practice law, and with this purpose in mind he returned to Greenwich, where he entered the law office of his distinguished brother, Judge Charles C. Van Kirk. He studied assiduously under the expert guidance of his brother, and in 1900 he passed the necessary examinations and was duly admitted to the bar of New York state. Immediately he established himself in practice in Greenwich, and very quickly won an increasing clientele and a reputation as a forceful and able exponent of the legal profession. He was village attorney for a period of fifteen years, and also succeeded his brother as town clerk in 1916, holding the office until 1929. For twelve years he was also a member of the board of education. In the fall of 1928, he was elected to the office of surrogate judge of Washington county, and he assumed his seat on January 1, 1929, for a six-year term. Judge Van Kirk is well deserving of the honor conferred upon him by the people of his home county, for his career has been without a blemish in every particular, and he holds a place of distinction both in his profession and in the social circles in which he moves. He has been one of the most influential republicans in the county; is known as an excellent speaker; has attended various state conventions; and has served as chairman of the republican town committee for a number of years.

On August 16, 1900, Judge Van Kirk took as his wife Miss Margaret Legg, the marriage being performed in Glens Falls, New York. She is a daughter of Ephraim and Inez (Van Etten) Legg, and a descendant of one of the oldest and most honored

families of Ulster county. Judge and Mrs. Van Kirk have become the parents of two children. Margaret, the elder, was born July 15, 1904, and graduated from Smith College with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1926. She is now the wife of David G. Read, of New York city, who is associated with the Scripps-Howard newspaper syndicate as an advertising man. Norman C. Van Kirk, the judge's son, was born May 22, 1922, and is now in school.

The religious affiliation of Judge Van Kirk and his family is with the Bottskill Baptist Church, in which congregation he has been a deacon for many years and superintendent of the Sunday school since 1925. He is a member of the New York State and the American Bar Associations, and in Masonry belongs to Ashlar Lodge, No. 584, F. & A. M., in Greenwich, the chapter in Schuylerville, and the commandery in Saratoga. He also belongs to Union Village Lodge, No. 253, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The judge is a director in the Greenwich Building and Loan Association. He has been enthusiastic in lending his aid to various movements designed for the welfare of his native city and county, and he well merits the appellation of public-spirited citizen. During the World war, he manifested his sincere patriotism by participating in all the local drives and as a member of the advisory committee of the draft board. Aside from his profession and his family, Judge Van Kirk finds great pleasure in golf, in motoring, and in witnessing a game of baseball.

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## MALCOLM J. MAGOVERN, M. D.

To the familiar scenes of Saratoga Springs, where he was born and reared, Dr. Malcolm J. Magovern returned to engage in the practice of medicine after most thorough training and experience. He was born January 12, 1898, and is a son of Thomas F. and Nellie (Fitzpatrick) Magovern. Thomas F. Magovern, who is now a successful photographer of Saratoga Springs, was born in London, England, while his wife is a native

of Saratoga Springs. Dr. Magovern's grandfather on his maternal side, James Fitzpatrick, was one of the pioneers of this community, having been connected with the old High Rock and Patterson springs over fifty years ago.

Dr. Magovern attended the public schools of Saratoga Springs and the Catholic University of Washington, D. C. He took up the study of medicine in Georgetown Medical College, and from this institution received the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1927. He then entered upon a very extensive course of practical training, spending three years as an interne in the New York City Hospital, in the Bellevue Hospital of New York city, the Emergency Hospital of Washington, D. C., and the Nursing and Childs Hospital of New York city. In 1930 he came back to his home town, Saratoga Springs, and opened his office. He has made rapid progress in building up his practice here, and is generally considered one of the most promising of the younger physicians of Saratoga county. He is physician to the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Companions of Foresters. He is junior surgeon on the staff of the Saratoga Hospital and is a member of the American Medical Association.

The religious faith of Dr. Magovern is that of the Roman Catholic Church, and in politics he is a democrat. He holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Order of Foresters. Dr. Magovern maintains his office at 487 Broadway in Saratoga Springs, while his residence is at 171 Church street.

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## WELLINGTON C. LANSING

Wellington C. Lansing, well known in journalistic circles of Dutchess county and for many years the directing head of the successful printing and publishing house of Lansing & Broas, has devoted his life to newspaper work and is one of Poughkeepsie's self-made men. He was born on Lexington avenue in New York city on the 20th of June, 1855, a son of Edgar and Emily (Welling) Lansing, and represents one of the old Dutch families of

the state. The line of descent has been traced back to Peter Lansingh, who in 1683 received a deed to a farm and also to a waterway on the eastern bank of the Hudson river. He was one of five brothers who came from Holland to the Hudson River Valley. One of these established his home in Watertown, New York, and from him the late secretary of state, Robert Lansing, was descended. Another brother went to Michigan, settling in that district which was afterward named Lansing in his honor. The first white child born within the limits of the present city of Poughkeepsie was a member of this noted pioneer family. The original Lansing deed was for land situated opposite the cemetery, where the Phoenix horse-shoe works were located. Garrit P. Lansing, the grandfather of Wellington C. Lansing, married Malinda Husted, a descendant of Jacob Husted, one of the original nine partners who received from the Dutch government a grant of land embracing much of the Hudson River Valley. Garrit P. and Malinda (Husted) Lansing were the parents of Richard Edgar Lansing, whose wife was a native of New Jersey. In 1859 they became residents of Poughkeepsie, where Edgar Lansing embarked in the grocery business, in which he was long engaged. He attained the advanced age of ninety-four years and his wife passed away in 1863.

Their son, Wellington C. Lansing, was reared by his paternal grandmother and attended school at Hightstown, New Jersey, and in Poughkeepsie. At an early age he became an apprentice in the printing department of the old Dutchess Farmer and later was in the employ of the Daily Eagle, which had been founded during the period of the Civil war. Diligent, intelligent and trustworthy, he steadily advanced, becoming city editor and editor of the Enterprise, which he founded in association with Derrick Brown and Edward Van Keuren. The last named was working with Mr. Lansing as a printer for the Eagle when the latter purchased the Dutchess Farmer, a weekly, and Mr. Brown was at that time editor of the News. Joining forces, these three established the Enterprise, an evening paper, of which Mr. Lansing became city editor. He devoted more than forty years to

newspaper work, mastering every phase of the business. In 1914, when Mr. Brown died, Mr. Lansing entered the printing business in partnership with Smith I. Broas, taking over the job printing department of the Enterprise, and from this has been developed one of the largest and most modern institutions of the kind in the upper valley. Since the death of Mr. Broas the business has been conducted as a corporation, of which Jesse D. Wetsel, son-in-law of Mr. Lansing, is the directing head. His completely equipped plant is operated with system and efficiency and turns out artistic, high grade work.

Mr. Lansing was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bogardus. In religious faith he is a Baptist and fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Davy Crockett Volunteer Fire Department and has been untiring in his efforts to advance the general welfare and promote community growth and progress. From boyhood Mr. Lansing has been a sponsor and patron of clean sports. In his youth he became proficient in baseball and belonged to professional teams of that period. He also played polo with skill and in 1885 organized the Hudson River Polo League. Of this he became secretary and treasurer and with his Poughkeepsie Casinos won the championship. Although nearly seventy-six years of age, he is young in spirit and interests and remains an active factor in the world's work. Few residents of Dutchess county are as well known as Mr. Lansing and none has attained a higher place in public esteem, for he combines in his character those qualities which are most desirable in American manhood and citizenship.

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## GEORGE M. PERCY

In Mount Vernon, his native city, George M. Percy has found excellent opportunities for advancement and through their wise utilization has gained a place of prominence in local business circles as secretary and general manager of the Van Horson & Bertine Coal Corporation. Born March 25, 1894, he is a son of

George and Hannah Henrietta (Robinson) Percy, the latter also a native of Mount Vernon. The father, a native of Scotland, left that country when a young man and in company with his parents came to America on a sailing vessel which was seven weeks in making the ocean voyage. The family came to Mount Vernon, New York, locating on the King's Bridge road, and the house in which they took up their abode is still standing. George Percy obtained employment with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and at the age of seventy years is vigorous and active. He votes with the republican party, while his religious faith is that of the Dutch Reformed Church. In church and Sunday school work he takes a deep interest and is a member of the Asbury Brotherhood and the Bartholomew Bible Class. His fraternal affiliations are with Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 1055, F. & A. M.; the Foresters of America, of which he is a past chief ranger; and the Independent Order of Foresters, in which formerly he held the office of court deputy high chief ranger. Mrs. Percy was born on Columbus avenue, in a house which is still standing, and she has reached the seventy-second milestone on life's journey.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the local schools George M. Percy was a student at Columbia University and when his education was completed he obtained a situation in the Howard hardware store, in which he worked for two years. He was next with the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, becoming cashier in the Mount Vernon freight office of the company and thus continuing for five years. He left the road to take up the duties of yard superintendent with the Van Horson & Bertine Coal Corporation and his next upward step brought him to the position of manager. Later he became a member of the corporation and as secretary and general manager he is an influential factor in its affairs. He won his promotions by hard work and devotion to the interests reposed in him and has made his efforts a vital element in the development of the business. Its founder, Mr. Barker, later sold out to Mr. Van Horson, whose daughter subsequently married Mr. Bertine. The latter became

a member of the firm and after Mr. Van Horson's death the present style of the Van Horson & Bertine Coal Corporation was adopted. The business is located on Washington street and has grown year by year until it is now one of the largest enterprises of the kind in this part of Westchester county.

In 1915 Mr. Percy married Miss Helen Marie Le Harte, who was born in New Rochelle, New York, and as a child came to Mount Vernon with her parents, Benjamin and Ada (Rodgar) Le Harte, who are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Percy have one child, Helen Marie.

Fraternally Mr. Percy is a Mason, identified with Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 1055, F. & A. M. He belongs to the Eighth Company of Coast Artillery and to the Fourth Battalion Veterans Association. He is a past president of the Asbury Brotherhood and his political views are indicated in his connection with the Mount Vernon Republican Club and the Young Men's Republican Club. In the work of the First Street Boys Association and the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce he takes an active part and has ever manifested a deep and helpful interest in community affairs. Appointed a member of the civil service commission June 1, 1926, he served for three years and in 1929 was elected alderman. He is still occupying the office, applying the sound judgment of a practical business man to the solution of municipal problems, and in his public service is actuated by the sole motive of honest and efficient expenditure of the citizens' money.

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## WM. T. REYNOLDS & CO., INC.

About the year 1800 a youth in his early twenties, James Reynolds, made his way from the shore of Narragansett bay in Rhode Island across New England to the little village of Poughkeepsie on the Hudson river. He was born while the war of the Revolution was being fought and grew to manhood in the years following that war, years when the new-born nation of the United States was struggling to consolidate its unity and inde-



Harris L. Reynolds

pendence, amidst the difficulties of the economic depression that resulted from the conflict. From the static, long settled towns of New England the younger men wandered forth in the post-Revolutionary days, seeking new opportunities in life, and this migratory movement it was that brought James Reynolds to Poughkeepsie at the opening of the nineteenth century.

Poughkeepsie, with some fifteen hundred inhabitants, was incorporated as a village in 1799 and, in the next twenty-five years, there took place in the community steady recuperation from the weakness left by the war for independence. In the building up of the village James Reynolds bore a substantial part through his contribution to the growth of its commercial activity. High up on the hill, above the river, Poughkeepsie began its existence as a road-crossing, with a courthouse for a landmark, and its business continued local in character in that neighborhood for many years. Down on the river-front, however, commerce on a broader scale began to appear at the time when James Reynolds arrived.

At the mouth of the Fall Kill, where the stream empties into the Hudson, there is a waterfall which is first heard of as a site for a mill in 1683. In that year an Indian made a deed of gift of the falls to a white man and the deed recites that the falls were called "Pooghkepesingh." This is the first known instance of the use of the Indian term which ultimately became the name of the hamlet on the hill. All through the eighteenth century the mill on the waterfall, "Pooghkepesingh," was owned by well known citizens. It passed through the hands (among others) of Myndert Harmense, Colonel Leonard Lewis, Clear Everitt and Robert L. Livingston and, in 1800, title to the mill and the falls and a surrounding parcel of land was taken by three brothers,—Martin, Isaac and Robert Hoffman. In 1807 the Hoffmans formed a partnership with George P. Oakley, under the name of George P. Oakley & Company, and the firm introduced modern business methods. They began the systematic development of the neighborhood, building a new grist mill, plaster and sawmills, new docks and new storehouses and advertising the improvements. Then the farmers of Dutchess county began hauling their pro-

duce to the new distributing center. By 1810 James Reynolds (who had married at Poughkeepsie in 1803) had bought land of the Hoffmans, built a dwelling for his family and, in 1811 (according to tradition), was in partnership with Aaron Innis in a line of boats on the river. In 1816 Reynolds & Innis opened a storehouse at the mouth of the Fall Kill for the foodstuffs the farmers brought from the county and for ships' supplies to meet the needs of the rising river-trade, and they carried both freight and passengers on their boats. Tradition says they owned a shipyard and built sloops. James Reynolds was also one of the organizers and first directors (1819) of the Poughkeepsie & New Paltz Ferry Company. The company introduced a team-ferry, as an improvement on a scow with sails and oars, and followed that (in 1830) with a steam-ferry that bore the name "James Reynolds." In 1819 George P. Oakley & Company failed and, soon after, their grist and plaster mills on the waterfall and their docks and river-frontage were acquired by Reynolds & Innis. The modern wholesale house of Wm. T. Reynolds & Company, Inc., is derived from the business enterprises of Reynolds & Innis, established in or before 1816, but the year 1819 has been arbitrarily selected as the date of its founding because accounts of that year show wholesale transactions in the original storehouse.

The setting for the business life of James Reynolds consisted of a growing village, the increased use of water-power and the organization of scheduled transportation service on the Hudson. In his day the steamboat was first run successfully (1807) and sloops, barges and steamboats were all in use in the '20s. James Reynolds was succeeded by his sons, William W. Reynolds and James Reynolds, Jr. They, again, were affected as a firm by changing conditions. The village of Poughkeepsie grew in population and importance and was incorporated as a city (1854). The '30s and '40s were years of great activity on the river, the result of the break-up (1824) of the monopoly of steamboat traffic exercised by the North River Steamboat Company. The Erie canal (opened 1825) brought western grain to Albany and W. W. & J. Reynolds, Jr., maintained a line of sloops, to connect

freight and passengers with the canal, and built a larger warehouse (1849) at their Poughkeepsie dock. In 1854 the firm built its own steam propellor, "Reliance." It may be permissible to interpolate at this point that the "Reliance" was used by the United States government as a gunboat during the Civil war and that a famous modern brand of food products was named in honor of it.

The greatest change that occurred in the days of W. W. & J. Reynolds, Jr., was the opening of the Hudson River Railroad, an event destined to revolutionize trade and society in the Valley of the Hudson. Trains ran between New York and Poughkeepsie in 1850 and the road was completed to Albany in 1851. Steadily the locomotive and the rails encroached upon the water routes for transportation and, by 1872, the firm (then become W. W. Reynolds & Co.) was again obliged to increase its facilities. On a siding of the railroad, opposite the Poughkeepsie passenger station, they erected a new and larger warehouse, to which in 1884 a grain elevator was added. This change of site marked the close of the long period of years in which the business had been identified in varied forms with the river-front and the Fall Kill. It also marked the opening of the modern chapter of the history of the house.

In the last quarter of the nineteenth century the grandsons of James Reynolds developed still more broadly the business he established. After 1872, when the large storehouse was opened on the line of the railroad, their boats on the river were discontinued and their warehouse at the mouth of the Fall Kill closed. In 1887 they added to their flour and grain elevator a department for wholesale groceries, an offshoot which, like many a child, has now outgrown its parent. This branch had by 1909 become so enlarged, had reached out so widely and in such complex ways, that, for the third time, a more capacious warehouse was built to meet increased needs. In this latest building one grandson and two great-grandsons of James Reynolds celebrated in June, 1919, a rounded century of business by a family and a firm. The founder of the house lived in a post-war period. He knew its

difficulties and its opportunities and had the acumen to build out of these elements a substantial commercial structure for himself and his community. In his example and success lies a prophecy, it is hoped, of the extended prosperity and usefulness of this house in the second century of its existence.

By tradition James Reynolds and Aaron Innis were in partnership in 1811. Evidence shows their association in business in 1816. They remained in more or less close connection until 1837. From 1816 to 1832 Reynolds & Innis conducted a storehouse on the Fall Kill at the junction of Mill and Water streets, where they handled flour, grain, plaster, farm produce and ship's supplies. In 1819 their accounts show wholesale transactions and from that year the present wholesale house of Wm. T. Reynolds & Co., Inc., dates its existence. Reynolds & Innis, in partnership with Captain John C. Van Valkenburgh, sailing master, also operated a line of boats between Poughkeepsie and New York under the firm name of J. C. Van Valkenburgh & Co. About 1825 they added a service between Poughkeepsie and Albany. James Reynolds and Aaron Innis were engaged in the river trade together from (perhaps) 1811 to 1834. They also owned in partnership from 1821 to 1837 the mills on the Fall Kill in which they ground grist and plaster and cut dyewoods.

In 1832 the storehouse of Reynolds & Innis was taken over by William Winans Reynolds (elder son of James Reynolds) and he, in 1835, formed a partnership with his brother, James Reynolds, Jr. W. W. and J. Reynolds, Jr., built a new warehouse in 1849 and they maintained a line of sloops between Poughkeepsie and the terminal of the Erie canal at Albany until 1854. In the latter year they replaced their sloops with the steam propellor, "Reliance."

At the death of James Reynolds, Jr., in 1865, the firm was reorganized and included William Winans Reynolds and William Thacher Reynolds. In 1869, when the elder son of James Reynolds, Jr., attained his majority, the firm was reorganized and included William Winans Reynolds, William Thacher Reynolds and John Richardson Reynolds. During this partner-

ship a new warehouse was built (1872) on a new site near the railroad, the old buildings were closed and the boat line discontinued. At the death of William Winans Reynolds, in 1873, the firm was reorganized and included William Thacher Reynolds, John Richardson Reynolds and George E. Cramer. During this partnership a wholesale grocery department was added (1887) to the flour and grain business of the house. At the death of John Richardson Reynolds, in 1889, the firm was reorganized and included William Thacher Reynolds, George E. Cramer, Clarence James Reynolds and Harris Smith Reynolds. After the death of George E. Cramer, in 1900, the firm was reorganized and included William Thacher Reynolds, Clarence James Reynolds and Harris Smith Reynolds. At the death of William Thacher Reynolds, in 1917, the firm was incorporated under the laws of the state of New York, with the following officers: Harris Smith Reynolds, president; May L. Reynolds, vice president; Clarence James Reynolds, secretary; and Paul Innis Reynolds, treasurer.

Harris Smith Reynolds was born in Poughkeepsie, New York, May 19, 1866, son of William Thacher and Louisa (Smith) Reynolds. He acquired his early education in private and public schools of his native city and afterward entered the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1887. In September of that year he entered the Reynolds business establishment, with which he has been continuously identified throughout the intervening period of four and a half decades and in which he has performed every task from the humblest to the most important, being now the successful executive head of the corporation.

On the 12th of October, 1892, Columbus day, which was also the fiftieth wedding anniversary of his grandparents, Harris S. Reynolds married Miss Martha Millard, of New Hamburg, Dutchess county, New York, a daughter of William Bull and Cordelia (Lawson) Millard. This marriage united two of the oldest families in the Hudson River Valley, for the Millards originally located in New Hamburg about 1803 and operated a line of sloops between New York and Poughkeepsie. Mr. and Mrs.

Harris S. Reynolds are the parents of three daughters: Martha May, Dorothy Millard and Harryette Lawson. Martha May Reynolds, a graduate of Vassar College and a well known writer on the subject of psychology, is assistant to the principal of the Packer Collegiate Institute of Brooklyn, New York. Dorothy Millard Reynolds became the wife of Robert Lansing Smith, of Poughkeepsie, son of Arthur Gilbert Smith, and they are the parents of four daughters: Marian, Barbara, Elsie and Virginia. Harryette Lawson Reynolds married Moore Gates, son of Dr. Caleb F. Gates. Dr. C. F. Gates has been president of Robert College in Constantinople, Turkey, for the past quarter century. Mr. and Mrs. Moore Gates are the parents of two sons, Moore Gates, Jr., and Harry Reynolds Gates.

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## STEPHEN A. SMITH

Representative of the better class of citizenship in Albany, New York, is Stephen A. Smith, who is the treasurer of the W. G. Sheehan Construction Company, of 28 DeWitt street, one of the most important building concerns in this city. Mr. Smith is a native son of Albany, his birth having occurred November 29, 1861. His parents were the late Stephen A. and Margaret (Feenan) Smith, both of whom died in Albany. The father was born in this city, and during his career was a contractor and builder. He was a devout member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, and in politics gave his support to the democratic party. The mother was born in Canada, and was a daughter of Patrick and Margaret Feenan, who were natives of Ireland, first emigrated to Canada, and thence came to New York state. Patrick Feenan was a shoemaker by trade.

Stephen A. Smith pursued his education in public schools Nos. 14 and 15, but on November 13, 1877, when he was fifteen years old, he became an apprentice mason. He learned the trade of brick and stone masonry, also plastering, with the firm of Gallagher Brothers in Albany. For four years he remained in

their employ, and then entered upon a career as journeyman bricklayer which extended over a period of twenty-five years. He was next associated with Stephen A. Carr, contractor and builder, as his superintendent, for fifteen years, following which he was superintendent for R. L. Walsh in New York city for one year. Mr. Smith then returned to Albany, where he became a member of the firm of Feeney & Sheehan, in which concern he owned some stock. He was superintendent of masonry. In 1912, the present firm was organized, known as the William G. Sheehan Construction Company, and Mr. Smith was appointed treasurer, which position he was filling at the time of Mr. Sheehan's death, when he was elected president of the corporation in recognition of his ability and experience. The firm has done much important building work in Albany. Among the structures upon which they have worked are the Ann Lee home, the National Savings Bank building, the University Club, public school No. 20, the Fort Orange Club, and the Boys' Academy.

Mr. Smith has been twice married, first in June, 1887, to Catherine Brouilette, a native of Albany, New York, and of French descent. She was a daughter of the late Henry and Mary (Hayes) Brouilette. The father, a Canadian Frenchman, was a carpenter by trade, and was killed by falling off the St. Bernard's Church steeple in Cohoes. At the time, he was living in Albany. His wife was born in Ireland, and died in Albany. Mrs. Smith passed away in Albany, December 15, 1926. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, four sons and one daughter are now living. Henry A., who was educated in the Cathedral Academy and Christian Brothers Academy, is now affiliated with the William G. Sheehan Construction Company in Albany. Stephen A., Jr., who graduated from the Cathedral Academy and from the Albany Business College, served in the United States Army during the World war period, and is now superintendent of the New York State office building in Albany. James A., graduate of the Cathedral Academy and the Albany Business College, is a World war veteran, and is stenographer to the Hon. John F. O'Brien, judge of the court of appeals. Joseph H., grad-

uate of the Christian Brothers Academy, is foreman for the William G. Sheehan Construction Company and is a trained mason. Mary Elizabeth is the wife of Fred Bushouse, who is a bookkeeper for the Simmons Machine Works. William Smith, another son, died at the age of twenty years, and other children of the family died in infancy.

Mr. Smith was married secondly June 9, 1928, to Mrs. Mary (Loewe) Hart, the widow of the late Eugene Hart of Albany, and daughter of the late Leonard and Margaret (Urschel) Loewe of this city. Leonard Loewe was a native of Prussia, Germany, and his wife was also born in Germany. The Smith family residence is at 16 Parkwood street in Albany.

The religious affiliation of Stephen A. Smith is with St. Teresa's parish of the Roman Catholic Church. The democratic party has always received his support in political affairs. He belongs to Albany Lodge, No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Albany Chamber of Commerce; the Albany Builders' Exchange; and the New York State Association of Builders, of which he is also past president. His recreations are hunting and fishing. He has been loyally attentive to his obligations as a citizen, and the commendable reputation he holds both in business and in community life has been achieved solely by his own character, his integrity and ability.

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## FREDERICK W. SEWARD, Sr., M. D.

The late Frederick W. Seward, Sr., founder of Interpines Sanitarium of Goshen, New York, enjoyed an enviable reputation as a physician of high standing and as a man of wide experience and scientific training. He was born near Florida, in Orange county, New York, August 22, 1845, his parents being Edwin P. and Rachel (Armstrong) Seward. His forbears were early settlers in Orange county, New York, and figured in events which shaped the history of this nation. He traced his descent from a native of Scotland who settled on Long Island, and another of



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his ancestors, Colonel John Seward, fought in the Revolutionary war. Samuel S. Seward, the paternal grandfather of Dr. Frederick W. Seward, was born in New Jersey and after preparing himself for the profession began the practice of medicine in Florida, New York. He became a prominent citizen of the community, served as county judge and was the owner of large tracts of land, together with a distillery and storehouse and sloops that plied between Newburgh and southern ports, carrying distilled liquors and bringing back flax and cotton. He died in 1849, when more than eighty years of age, leaving four sons, as follows: Edwin P., who supervised the varied commercial interests of his father for a number of years; Benjamin J., a preacher of the Presbyterian denomination; William Henry; and George W., who died in Florida, Orange county. Of the above named, William Henry Seward became a member of President Lincoln's cabinet and a noted American statesman. From 1861 until 1869 he served as secretary of state and during his incumbency in that office averted serious complications with Great Britain through his prudence and skill in the negotiations over the "Trent affair." He prevailed upon the French government to withdraw its troops from Mexico and in 1867 concluded the negotiations with Russia for the cession of Alaska, gaining world-wide repute by reason of his notable achievements. His brother, Edwin P. Seward, the father of Dr. F. W. Seward, was born in Florida, New York, and died in the village in 1872. For a number of years he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits with gratifying success. His religious faith was that of the Presbyterian Church. Nine children were born to him and his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Rachel Armstrong and passed away in 1847. Subsequently he married Ellen Terry, of Craigsville, New York, and they became the parents of four daughters.

Frederick W. Seward, Sr., began his education as a district school pupil and continued his studies in Seward Institute, which was founded by his grandfather. He was graduated from Union College with the Bachelor of Arts degree and next entered Bellevue Hospital, where he pursued his studies. Thereafter he

matriculated in the University of Vermont at Burlington, which conferred upon him the degree of M. D. at his graduation in June, 1866. He then became a student at the Homeopathic Medical College of New York and in January, 1867, took up the work of his chosen profession in Middletown, where he was accorded a growing and gratifying practice during the succeeding nine years. On the expiration of that period he went to New Mexico on account of impaired health, remaining in that state for three years, and in 1880 he traveled through California and Arizona. He returned to the east in 1882, settling in Goshen, New York, where he built up an extensive practice and in 1890 opened the Interpines Sanitarium, which he conducted very successfully to the time of his death. In 1892 he made another trip to New Mexico. He was a member of the Orange County Homeopathic Medical Society, of which he served as president, the New York State Homeopathic Society, the American Institute of Homeopathy, the Orange County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

On the 27th of December, 1866, Dr. Seward was united in marriage to Miss Ella Armstrong, of Florida, New York, who died in 1869, leaving two children: Edwin P., a rancher of New Mexico, who married Eva Griggs, of Chester, New York, and has three sons and one daughter; and Ella A., who makes her home with her brother, Edwin P. On the 31st of October, 1873, Dr. Seward was again married, his second union being with Miss Matie Cory, daughter of the Rev. Benjamin Cory, of Plainfield, New Jersey. She passed away in 1912. Her children were three in number, namely: Frederick W. Seward, Jr., a biography of whom appears on another page of this work; Matie C.; and Bertha W. The last named became the wife of Robert H. Wright, of Goshen, New York, and died leaving a daughter, Bertha Seward Wright. F. W. Seward, Jr., became associated with his father in 1898 in the conduct of Interpines and succeeded him as head of the sanitarium.

A stanch champion of the cause of education, Dr. Seward served as a member of the Goshen school board for a quarter of



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a century and was its president. Already as a resident of Middletown he had become deeply and helpfully interested in the cause of public instruction, and his influence was ever exerted in behalf of community advancement and welfare. He served as president of the Goshen Board of Trade. He was for many years affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and in his daily life he exemplified the beneficent teachings and purposes of the craft. In his death, which occurred October 1, 1925, when he had attained the venerable age of eighty years, Orange county sustained the loss of one of her leading physicians, most valued citizens and honored native sons.

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## FREDERICK W. SEWARD, JR., M. D.

Dr. Frederick W. Seward, Jr., a prominent psychiatrist and an able exponent of the homeopathic school of medicine, has practiced for many years in Goshen, New York, and is a native of the state, his birth having occurred at Middletown on the 6th of November, 1874. On other pages of this work will be found extended reference to the Seward family, together with a review of the career of Dr. Frederick W. Seward, Sr., who died October 1, 1925.

Frederick W. Seward, Jr., supplemented his public school education by attendance at the New York Homeopathic Medical College, which numbers him among its alumni of 1898. After receiving his M. D. degree he became an assistant in the Interpines Sanitarium, which his father had established at Goshen, New York, in 1890, and has remained with the institution throughout his professional career, doing much to further its success and prestige. His work in this connection was interrupted during the World war, when he became a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, and was attached to the Walter Reed Hospital at Washington, D. C. Dr. Seward has made an intensive study of mental diseases and is widely and favorably known as a psychiatrist. His scientific

knowledge is comprehensive and exact and beneficial results have attended his professional ministrations.

On the 3d of December, 1902, Dr. Seward was married to Miss Alice Leona Truax, of Oneida, New York, and they have a son and a daughter. The former, Frederick Truax, who was born December 25, 1903, and was graduated from Union College of Schenectady, New York, in 1926 and from the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, in 1930, is now associated with his father in the conduct of the Interpines Sanitarium. On the 18th of April, 1931, he married Miss Anne Elizabeth Downing, of Palmyra, New Jersey. His sister, Alice Helen, completed a course in art in the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn, New York, and in 1930 was graduated from the American Conservatory of Art at Fontainebleau, France. The wife of Dr. F. W. Seward, Jr., was the leader in the woman's suffrage movement in Orange county. She has always identified herself with the League of Women Voters and at this writing (1931) is the leader of the ninth district, comprising Orange, Westchester, Sullivan and Rockland counties. Active in republican politics, she is a member of the republican committee of Orange county and is state committeewoman from the second assembly district. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and is helpfully interested in health and child welfare organizations and various kindred projects.

Dr. Seward is also a republican in politics and conscientiously discharges the duties and obligations of citizenship. He entered heartily into the Roosevelt campaign of 1912, was deeply interested in the woman's suffrage and prohibition movements and for six years has been a member of the board of directors of the Anti-Saloon League of the State of New York, and was elected president of the organization in 1931. He takes a keen interest in community affairs and is a past president of the Rotary Club of Goshen. He has membership, moreover, in the New York State Historical Society, the Wallkill Historical Society, the American Museum of Natural History of New York, the Patriotic Order Sons of America and the Sons of the Revolution and is a past commander of Goshen Post of the American Legion.



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He is a Knights Templar Mason and also has fraternal affiliations with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Along strictly professional lines he has membership in the Orange County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society, the New York State Homeopathic Medical Society, of which he is a past president, and the American Medical Association. In recognition of his scientific attainments he has been accorded a fellowship in the American Psychiatric Association and is also prominently identified with the American Anthropological Association, the Academy of Pathological Science and the American Institute of Homeopathy.

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## CARROLL A. PARRY

As a dealer in coal and feed Carroll A. Parry is closely identified with business interests of Highland Falls, his native town, and he also devotes a portion of his time to public affairs, filling the office of supervisor. He was born October 24, 1887, a son of Carroll D. Parry, and is a member of one of the old families of this locality. The paternal grandfather removed from New Jersey to Orange county, New York, and owned and operated the first flour mill in Highland Falls, remaining here until his death. His son, Carroll D. Parry, a lifelong resident of the town, passed away in 1917 and, like the father, he attained high standing in the community. In young manhood Carroll D. Parry had married Miss Martha C. Sutherland, who was a native of Central Valley, New York, and departed this life in 1895. They were the parents of two sons, Carroll A. and Henry G., both of whom are well known business men of Highland Falls.

Carroll A. Parry supplemented his public school education by a course of study in the Swarthmore Preparatory School of Pennsylvania and with his return home he entered the coal and feed business, in which he has since continued, save during the period of his military service. He enlisted in the United States

Army in April, 1918, before he was drafted, and was assigned to the tank corps. He was stationed at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and in December, 1918, received an honorable discharge. After the war was over he resumed his mercantile activities in Highland Falls and enjoys a large share of the local trade in coal and feed. He conducts business at 220 Main street and is thoroughly conversant with everything pertaining to the lines in which he deals.

In 1920 Mr. Parry was married to Lucretia F. Allison, a daughter of George and Sarah (Fowler) Allison, of Stony Point, New York, and they have one child, Katherine A. By his first wife Mr. Parry became the father of a son, Carroll D. (II), and he also has a stepson, Thomas F. Park.

In fraternal circles Mr. Parry is well known through his connection with the Masonic order, Mecca Temple of the Mystic Shrine, the Eastern Star and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He belongs to the American Legion, the United Veterans Association, the Black Rock Club, the Cornwall Club, the Lions Club and the Orange Lake Fish and Game Club. In the religious life of his community he is active as an elder and trustee of the Presbyterian Church, and in politics he is a republican. Formerly he was city clerk and is now serving for the fourth term as supervisor. To his duties in this connection he gives his best efforts and his labors have been just as effective and resultant in behalf of the public welfare as in the conduct of his private business interests.

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## HON. JOHN V. WHITBECK, JR.

Hon. John V. Whitbeck, Jr., an outstanding figure in legal circles of Hudson, his native city, is serving for the third term as surrogate of Columbia county and has been continuously in the public eye for about thirty years. Born June 2, 1878, he is a son of John V. Whitbeck, Sr., and a member of one of the oldest families of the Hudson River Valley. The name was originally Van Witbeck but later generations of the family adopted the present

form of Whitbeck, although some of its representatives still retain the earlier form. Jan Thomas Van Witbeck, the American progenitor of the family, left his ancestral home in Holstein, then a duchy of Denmark, and crossed the Atlantic in 1652, casting in his lot with the earliest settlers of New York. He was one of the men who laid out the villages of Beverwyck, now Albany, New York, where he was a dealer in house lots for sixteen years, or until 1678. In 1664, in company with Volkert Jan Douw, he purchased the entire town site of Apjas, or Schodack, and the mainland opposite on the east side of the Hudson river from the Indians and was a leading actor in events which shaped the early history of the state. Rev. Herman Vedder, the great-grandfather of Judge Whitbeck, was engaged in pastoral work in Gallatin, Columbia county, New York, and the grandfather, Dr. Volkert Whitbeck, was one of the pioneer physicians of Hudson. The father, John Volkert Whitbeck, Sr., was born in Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, New York, April 8, 1838, and in young manhood enlisted in the Union Army, becoming captain of Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry, and assistant quartermaster general on the staff of General N. P. Banks. Captain Whitbeck participated in a number of important battles during the three years of his service in the Civil war and at New Orleans he received injuries from which he never fully recovered. He belonged to the Grand Army of the Republic and was also a Mason, serving at one time as master of Aquila Lodge, No. 700, F. & A. M. In his youth he had enrolled as a student in the Albany Law School and after his graduation was admitted to the New York bar. He was elected justice of the peace and became surrogate of Columbia county in 1896. Keenly interested in educational matters, he was made president of the school board of Hudson and here made his home until his demise on the 29th of June, 1907, at the age of sixty-nine years. He was a citizen of substantial worth and measured up to high standards in every relation of life. His wife, Harriet Antoinette (Ham) Whitbeck, was a daughter of Colonel Henry H. Ham, a native of Pine Plains, Dutchess county, and her ma-

ternal grandfather was the Rev. Herman Vedder. Mr. and Mrs. Whitbeck had two sons: John V., Jr.; and Henry H., who was a bachelor and passed away October 28, 1929. There were also two daughters: Antoinette V., widow of Charles S. Benedict of Hudson; and Ellogeane R., wife of Abram Vosburgh, also of Hudson.

John V. Whitbeck, Jr., pursued his education in Hudson until the completion of his high school course in 1896 and then matriculated in the Albany Law School, which numbers him among its alumni of 1900. Admitted to the bar in the year of his graduation, he located for practice in Hudson and here he has since followed his profession, winning a gratifying measure of success. His attention was devoted to private practice until 1907, when he was the successful candidate of the republican party for city judge of Hudson, and in 1911 was reelected for another term of four years. However, he did not complete the second term, resigning at the end of three years to assume the duties of surrogate of Columbia county in 1914. Since that date he has been reelected twice, the second time, in 1925, with the cordial indorsement of both parties—an eloquent testimonial to his integrity of character and his pronounced ability as a jurist. His present term will expire December 31, 1931.

Judge Whitbeck was married in Hudson, October 8, 1902, to Miss Gertrude McEntee Hoysradt, a daughter of Albert Hoysradt, a graduate of Yale University, now deceased, who was a well known lawyer of Hudson, New York, and a granddaughter of General Jacob W. Hoysradt, of Hudson, who was for many years the head of the Hudson Iron Works and a member of the New York assembly. The four children of this marriage are: Elizabeth Folger, who was born September 28, 1903; John V. (III), born March 19, 1905; Carl Gifford, January 31, 1912; and Marjorie H., May 24, 1914.

Judge Whitbeck is a prominent Mason, identified with Aquila Lodge, No. 700, F. & A. M.; Hudson Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M.; Hudson Council, No. 62, R. & S. M., in all of which he has a life membership; and Lafayette Commandery, No. 7, K. T. He is also an Elk, belonging to Hudson Lodge, No. 787, and is loyal to

the teachings and purposes of these organizations. However, his interest centers in his legal work and he is attorney for the Hudson River Trust Company, a member of its board of directors and also of its executive committee. Well versed in legal science, he has capably and faithfully executed every trust reposed in him and stands deservedly high in his profession, and in the esteem of Hudson's citizens, with whom his life has been spent.

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## EDWARD LE ROY WALKER

With commercial interests of Otisville, Edward Le Roy Walker is closely associated as local manager of the Borden Milk Company— a business to which he has devoted the greater part of his life. He was born in Oxford, Chenango county, New York, October 26, 1873, a son of Willard Walker and a grandson of James Walker, who was numbered among the early settlers in that part of the state. Willard Walker, also a native of Oxford, married Mary H. Main, a daughter of Aaron and Adelaide (Main) Main, and of the four children born to them only one survives, Edward Le Roy.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Edward Le Roy Walker were afforded by the public schools and Oxford Academy. Taking up the study of telegraphy, he acquired proficiency in that line of work and for nine years was an operator and depot agent for the Lackawanna Railroad. In 1902 he entered the employ of the Borden Milk Company at Oxford, and for twenty-nine years has remained with this large corporation, earning his promotions by hard work and proved ability. In 1906 he was transferred from Oxford to Otisville, where he has since been stationed, efficiently managing the business of the company at this point and laboring untiringly and effectively to further the important interests under his supervision.

On the 4th of July, 1895, Mr. Walker was married in Oxford to Miss Edith Ingraham, a daughter of Isaac Ingraham, a Civil war veteran, and Eunice (Nicholson) Ingraham. To Mr. and

Mrs. Walker were born three sons. Ronald Main, the eldest, married Florence Miller and for a number of years has been a bookkeeper for the Borden Milk Company at Otisville. During the World war he enlisted in the navy and made four trips across the Atlantic while serving on the U. S. S. Siboney, one of the vessels engaged in transport duty. Kenneth Reeves, who married Ethel Barlow, is a dealer in automobiles and lives in Otisville. Willard De Forest, the youngest son, reported at the recruiting office in Goshen the day the armistice was signed and was not in active service. He also resides in Otisville and is associated with his brother in the automobile business. He married Miss Marion Osborn and they have one child, Le Roy Fulton. Ronald M. and Willard D. Walker are Masons and the other son is affiliated with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Walker and his family are Presbyterians. He is a Knight Templar Mason and his wife belongs to the Order of the Eastern Star. He has always been interested in music and has directed bands in both Oxford and Otisville. Mr. Walker votes with the republican party and keeps well informed concerning all matters of public moment but has never sought political office. Modest and unassuming, he has preferred a life of quiet devotion to duty and possesses many sterling traits of character, as his fellow townsmen attest.

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## HERBERT FREDERICK HARMS, D. V. S.

Dr. Herbert Frederick Harms, who has been a successful veterinarian of Pearl River since 1908—nearly a quarter of a century—conducts one of the finest small animal hospitals in this part of the country. He was born in New York city, September 29, 1886, his parents being Richard F. and Elizabeth (Clausen) Harms, the former a native of Hanover, Germany, born in 1856, while the latter was born in New York city in 1866. Richard F. Harms, who crossed the Atlantic to the United States when about fourteen years of age, became a prominent hotel proprietor of the

eastern metropolis, where he was thus successfully engaged in business for many years or until his retirement in 1905. His remaining years were passed at Pearl River, in Rockland county, where his death occurred on December 12, 1912. To him and his wife, who passed away September 15, 1930, were born nine children, four of whom survive, as follows: Herbert F., of this review; Frederick W., of Pearl River; Edward R., postmaster of Pearl River, whose biography appears on another page of this work; and Mrs. Helen D. Serrell, of Denver, Colorado.

Herbert F. Harms pursued his early education in Public School No. 40 of New York city, where he was also graduated from the Dwight Preparatory School in 1904. His professional training was received in New York University, which in 1908 conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Surgery. He at once began practice in Pearl River, where he has been engaged in the work of his chosen calling continuously to the present time. He purchased one of the old homes on the outskirts of the town, a dwelling erected in 1730, remodeled it and transformed the property into one of the beauty spots of Rockland county. As stated above, Dr. Harms conducts a small animal hospital which is one of the best institutions of the kind in this section, and he is accorded an extensive practice drawn from New York city and New Jersey. He has membership in the New York State Veterinary Medical Association, the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Dwight Alumni Association and the New York University Alumni Association.

On the 26th of November, 1908, at Pearl River, New York, Dr. Harms was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Peper, daughter of George and Anna (Conrad) Peper, of New York, both of German ancestry. George Peper was a successful candy manufacturer. Dr. and Mrs. Harms have two sons: Dr. Herbert Frederick Harms, Jr., who was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with the degree of D. V. S. and is associated with his father; and George Richard, a high school student.

Dr. Harms gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but has no desire for the honors and emoluments of office.

His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the English Lutheran Church, while fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, belonging to Naurashank Lodge, No. 939, F. & A. M., of which he is past master, and also to Rockland Chapter, No. 204, R. A. M. He was a member of the grand lodge and was made senior master of ceremonies June 24, 1927. Golf and fishing constitute his favorite forms of recreation.

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## JOHN C. SHERMAN

One of the foremost financiers and business men of Greenwich, Washington county, New York, was the late John C. Sherman, who was born in Easton, New York, August 26, 1850, and was a son of Adley and Harriett (Stanley) Sherman, both of whom were natives of Washington county and are deceased. In addition to John C. Sherman, there were born to his parents two other children. Mary, now deceased, was the wife of the late Amander Reynolds, a Washington county farmer, and they had one son, the late Adley J. Reynolds. Another daughter was the wife of Jerome Wright, and they both have passed away. Their two children were Harriett, now deceased, and George, the father of three children: George, deceased; Olive, who is a teacher; and Jerome, who is married and has a child, Mary Lee.

John C. Sherman attended the public schools, also Greenwich Academy and Fort Edward Institute. For a few years at the beginning of his active career, he taught school in Greenwich, then entered the banking business and became cashier of the First National Bank of Greenwich, which position he retained for many years. He was likewise a director in the First National Bank, and a director of the Bank of Schuylerville. One of the principal undertakings of his life was the managing of the estate of Jesse Billings, his father-in-law, who was one of the prominent men of this section of New York state. He owned a fleet of canal boats, about thirty farms, and many houses in Washington and Saratoga counties which he rented. Mr. Sherman managed the affairs of this hugh estate until the time of his death.



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Mr. Sherman was twice married. His first union was with the late Miss Jennie Billings, by whom he had one child. He was married secondly to Mrs. Emma (Brown) Buckingham, a native of Washington county and daughter of Elias and Sarah (Mosher) Brown.

The religious affiliation of Mr. Sherman was with the Church of Christ, Scientist, to which his widow also belongs. He was conspicuous in Masonry, having been a member of the blue lodge in Greenwich, the chapter in Schuylerville, Washington Commandery at Saratoga Springs and Oriental Temple of the Mystic Shrine in Troy. During the World war period of 1917-18, he was active in all the war drives of Greenwich. Mr. Sherman was always found in the ranks of any civic movement for the benefit of his home community, and by his ingratiating personality and honorable methods of dealing with people he won hosts of friends. His death on April 26, 1931, was a distinct loss to Greenwich, but the memory of his exemplary character and accomplishments will long survive him.

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## PAUL J. HAIGHT

The Haight family is an old one of the Millbrook neighborhood, and until recent years the coal and feed firm of Haight Brothers composed of Jay and Howard Haight, constituted a moving factor in the business life of the community. After the death of Jay Haight, the enterprise was continued under the name of Howard Haight & Company until January 1, 1924, when Paul J. Haight purchased his uncle's interest and has since conducted the business as Paul J. Haight & Company. Jay Haight was highly respected, enjoying the confidence of his fellow citizens in an unusual degree, and served for two years as mayor of the village of Millbrook. He was also a factor in financial affairs of the community as a director of the Bank of Millbrook. Silas Haight, grandfather of Jay Haight, was an agriculturist by occupation, and his son, Reuben Silas Haight, also became a well

known farmer of the Millbrook neighborhood. Reuben S. Haight founded a feed business in 1866 and likewise established a grist mill. His son, Jay Haight, married Miss Maud Smith, a native of Lagrangeville, Dutchess county, New York, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith. Their family numbered three children, namely: Dorothy, the wife of Roy Parsons; Eleanor, who is the wife of Walter H. Belding; and Paul J., of this review.

In the acquirement of an education Paul J. Haight attended the local and high schools and after putting aside his text-books became associated with his father in the conduct of the general feed and coal business which the latter had organized in 1887. During the past seven years, since 1924, the enterprise has been conducted under the name of Paul J. Haight & Company, with our subject as owner and directing head of an extensive feed, coal and lumber business, for building material is now handled by the firm. Mr. Haight enjoys high standing among the prosperous and representative citizens of the community.

In early manhood Mr. Haight was united in marriage to Miss Dorothy Burch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James S. Burch, and they are the parents of one child, Nancy Jane. Mr. Haight is a vestryman of the Episcopal Church and fraternally is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to the lodge, chapter, council, commandery and Mystic Shrine. His life is governed by a high standard of conduct, and he is accorded the unqualified confidence and esteem of his fellowmen.

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## SHELDON SAMUEL STRATTON CAMPBELL, M. D.

Saratoga Springs gained a valuable addition to its citizenship in 1929, when Dr. Sheldon Samuel Stratton Campbell opened an office here. He has practiced his profession for nearly three decades and is widely known as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Born in Fairfax, Virginia, January 27, 1877, he is a son of Orvis W. and Rhoda L. (Marvin) Campbell and of Scotch ancestry. His father passed away in 1913, and the

mother, who has attained the venerable age of eighty-one years, is now living in Collinsville, Connecticut.

Reared in the Green Mountain state, Dr. Campbell attended the St. Albans Academy and the high school at that place, continuing his studies in the College of Medicine of the University of Vermont, from which he won the M. D. degree in 1902. After his graduation he began his career as a physician in Granville, Massachusetts, and two years later removed to Collinsville, Connecticut, where he spent ten years. For a decade he maintained an office in Middletown, Connecticut, locating in Hartford, that state, at the end of that time, but remained in that city for only a year, and in 1929 came to Saratoga Springs. His powers have grown through the exercise of effort and he is regarded as one of the city's leading specialists. He has his office and residence at 396 Broadway and his practice has already assumed large proportions.

Dr. Campbell has a family of two children. The daughter, Doris Caroline, was born March 24, 1906, and received the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Vermont. She took a buyer's course at the Jordan Marsh institution in Boston and is at present a buyer for the Gilchrist store in that city. The son, D. Stratton, was born April 18, 1908, and supplemented his high school education by two years' attendance at the Williston Academy of Easthampton, Massachusetts, afterward entering the employ of the Finn Mac Drug Company, a Saratoga Springs firm, with which he is still connected.

Dr. Campbell is a veteran of the Spanish-American war and volunteered for service in the World war but was rejected due to previous war disability. However, he rendered aid to his country as a member of draft board No. 21 of Middlesex county, Connecticut, as a member of the advisory board of the Ambulance Corps attached to the Sixth Regiment, Volunteer Medical Service Corps, and as assistant to the Middletown advisory committee. For many years he has been active in the work of the Young Men's Christian Association and has occupied the offices of president and treasurer in that organization. His college fraternity is Alpha Kappa

Kappa and formerly he belonged to the Middlesex County Medical Society, of which he was president for nine years and treasurer for eight years. He holds to a high standard in the field of professional service and fully merits the confidence and respect accorded him.

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## EDGAR D. STARBUCK, JR.

As president of the well known business of E. D. Starbuck & Company at 408-12 Broadway in Saratoga Springs, New York, Edgar D. Starbuck, Jr., is most successfully following in the footsteps of his honored father, and has created for himself a position in the front rank of the local citizenship. He was born in Saratoga Springs on August 26, 1892, and is a son of the late Edgar D. and Ella F. (Martin) Starbuck. The father was born in Chestertown, New York, and died in 1926. He was the founder of the business which is now conducted by his son. His wife passed away in August, 1914.

Edgar D. Starbuck, Jr., completed the grade and high school courses in Saratoga Springs, then in 1910 entered Princeton University, from which institution he received the degree of Bachelor of Literature in 1914. Following his graduation, he returned to his home town to become associated with his father's business. In the various departments of the store he served his apprenticeship, learning every detail and phase of the conduct of this modern mercantile establishment. In 1926, his father having passed away, he was made president of the corporation, and during the comparatively few intervening years since that date to the present he has made a most enviable record and has maintained the high standards of the business. He is likewise a director of the Saratoga National Bank.

In 1916, Mr. Starbuck enlisted as a private in the New York National Guard. He received the commission of first lieutenant at Camp Travis in Texas, having previously attended the Fort Niagara training camp. He remained in the national guard after

the close of the World war, and was promoted to a captaincy in the One Hundred and Fifth Infantry. He resigned in the year 1930. In political affairs he is a democrat, and he is a member of the First Baptist Church. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masonic order, being a member of the Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., and also of the Royal Arch chapter and the Knight Templar commandery. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the McGregor Golf Club and the Saratoga Club. Mr. Starbuck is unmarried, and he and his sister, Miss Kathryn H. Starbuck, of whom detailed mention is made elsewhere in this history, reside at 94 Lake avenue, Saratoga Springs.

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## J. EVERETT WARD

To the residents of Sterlington, J. Everett Ward has rendered the service of postmaster for more than three decades, establishing a record which redounds greatly to his credit. He was born in Goshen, Orange county, New York, in January, 1870, a son of William H. and Clara Roe (Seely) Ward, who were natives of Chester, New York. The grandfather, Thomas Ward, was born in Warwick, New York, and conducted a hotel in Warwick, where he was known as "Tom Draw." He is a familiar character in Forester's books, "The Warwick Wood Lands." In the family of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Ward there were five children: Frank D., who lives in Ridgewood, New Jersey; T. Harry, a resident of Sterlington, New York; Charles, deceased; Fred D., of Bogota, New Jersey, and J. Everett.

J. Everett Ward obtained his early instruction in his native town, continuing his studies in the public schools of Goshen and Sloatsburg, New York. When his text-books were laid aside he obtained work with the Erie Railroad Company and has remained with the road for many years. He has served in succession as clerk, telegrapher and depot agent and is thoroughly conversant with the details of railroad operation.

In October, 1913, Mr. Ward was married to Miss Marjorie Ransom, a daughter of H. C. Seymour and Grace (White) Ransom, of Ransomville—a town which was named for the family, who were among the earliest settlers in that part of Niagara county, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have one son, Seely Everett, who was born in January, 1915, and is attending the Tuxedo Park high school. Mrs. Ward has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and is an earnest worker in its behalf. Fraternally Mr. Ward is a Mason, identified with the lodge and chapter. In 1899 he received from President McKinley the appointment of postmaster at Sterlington, New York. He has occupied the oflice for nearly thirty-two years, serving under seven presidents of the United States and performing his duties with marked thoroughness and fidelity. Mr. Ward is a man of genial nature and high principles and is known and esteemed throughout Rockland county.

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## R. RAYMOND RIKERT

R. Raymond Rikert, of Rhinebeck, district manager of the Central Hudson Company, comes of honored old Dutch ancestry in both the paternal and maternal lines. The Cramers, from whom he is descended on the distaff side, were among the very first settlers near the present site of Rhinebeck and were the original owners of land in this immediate vicinity. A full account of the Cramer family of the early period appears in Smith's history of Rhinebeck. R. Raymond Rikert, who has for many years been associated with public utility interests, was born at Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, New York, November 14, 1871, an only child of Franklin and Ellen (Cramer) Rikert and a grandson of John and Phebe (Dedrick) Rikert. The first of the name in the Hudson River Valley was Joseph Rikert, who settled here prior to the Revolutionary war. Franklin Rikert, the father of R. Raymond Rikert, served in the Civil war as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Volunteer Infan-

try, under Colonel Cowles. He was made a sergeant and following his capture at Cedar Creek was incarcerated in numerous Confederate military prisons. After the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south he followed his trade of butcher at Rhinebeck. He was an honored member of the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his former comrades in the Union Army, in which his brother, Calvin Rikert, was also a soldier. The American progenitors of his mother's family, the Dedricks, were among the Holland Dutch contingent who settled in the vicinity of Rhinebeck, New York, in the colonial period. John P. Cramer, the maternal grandfather of R. R. Rikert of this review, was a carriage builder at Fredonia, New York. He married Adelaide McCarty, a daughter of Stephen and Nancy (Canfield) McCarty and a granddaughter in the paternal line of a Revolutionary soldier who was one of the stanch Methodists of the Hudson River Valley in his day. Stephen McCarty, who was a builder by trade, erected many of the business and residential structures in his section. The various families that constitute the ancestry of R. R. Rikert furnished soldiers to every war in which this country engaged and were no less distinguished in the arts of peace.

R. Raymond Rikert, whose name introduces this record, pursued his education in Rhinebeck and at the De Garmo Institute of Fishkill. He entered the newspaper field in early life and became the editor and proprietor of the Rhinebeck Gazette, which he published for fourteen years. Needless to say his acquaintance during this period extended to every part of this region, and his service as editor was distinctively constructive. He retired from journalistic work in 1900 to accept the position of secretary and general manager of the Dutchess Light, Heat & Power Company, a utilities corporation organized in that year, and since its absorption by the Central Hudson Company has served as district manager for the latter corporation in a highly efficient and satisfactory manner. Moreover, he is a factor in financial affairs of the community as a trustee of the Rhinebeck Savings Bank and a director of the First National Bank of Rhinebeck.

Mr. Rikert was married to Birdella Van Rensselaer Sherwood, daughter of Philo and Cornelia (Cornyne) Van Rensselaer, whose families were early settlers in the vicinity of Claverack, New York.

A public-spirited, enterprising and progressive citizen, Mr. Rikert has exerted his efforts and influence in behalf of every project looking toward community advancement. He is a trustee of the Starr Institute of Rhinebeck, vice president of the local cemetery association, a director of the Rhinebeck Business Men's Association, a director of the Dutchess County Child Welfare Board and a member of the Dutchess County Historical Society. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he is a member of the local lodge, chapter, council and commandery, and he is also affiliated with the Royal Arcanum. His religious faith is that of the Reformed Church, in which he is an elder. Mr. Rikert is a man of well balanced capacities and powers, and his fellow citizens bear testimony to his public spirit and high character.

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## GERMAIN P. GRAHAM

Since entering the field of civil engineering Germain P. Graham has been prominently identified with many public projects of importance and is now successfully engaged in construction work in Albany under the style of Graham & Stevenson, Inc., serving as president of the corporation, which is located at 11 North Pearl street. Born in New York city, May 28, 1883, he is a son of John Henry and Catherine (Goggin) Graham and a grandson of John Graham, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The last named, who was engaged in the shipping business, lost his life at sea. Subsequently his widow, who was a Miss MacNamara, came to America in company with her son, John Henry Graham, who was born in County Clare, January 1, 1841, after his father's death. Mrs. Graham established her home in New York city in 1844 and there resided until her demise in 1886. John



Germain P. Graham

H. Graham was but three years old when he crossed the Atlantic and his educational advantages were secured in the public schools of the eastern metropolis. In later life he removed to Albany and here engaged in the investment business until his death in March, 1907, at the age of sixty-six years. He was allied with the democratic party but never sought political office. As a young man he had married Miss Catherine Goggin, who was born in County Clare in March, 1844, and when a child of five crossed the ocean with her parents, Henry and Catherine (Mansfield) Goggin, who settled in New York city in 1846. Her brothers, John, Tom and Henry Goggin, were Union soldiers and while on duty in the south the last named was badly wounded. During the Civil war Mrs. Graham entered the service as a nurse and came to Albany to care for the wounded in one of the army hospitals, remaining in the city until called to her final rest in May, 1930, when eighty-six years of age.

Her son, Germain P. Graham, pursued his education in grammar and high schools and had a private tutor for two years. Afterward he enrolled in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, New York, where he was graduated in 1908 with the degree of Civil Engineer, and then devoted two years to private study, specializing in higher mathematics. His start in life was made as a designing engineer in New York city and a year later he came to Albany to take charge of the construction of the river front and was thus engaged for two years. At the end of that time he was made assistant to the deputy city engineer and continued in that capacity until his enlistment, when he was sent to a first officers training camp, going later to Madison barracks. In June, 1917, he received the commission of second lieutenant and in August of that year was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. He was assigned to the Twentieth Regiment of United States Engineers and assisted in its organization and in the training of its men. With that outfit he sailed November 10, 1917, arriving in France on Thanksgiving day, and through the capable performance of the various tasks assigned him won a captaincy in the engineers in June, 1918. He was made a regi-

mental adjutant of his old regiment, continuing as such until one month after the signing of the armistice, and then became commanding officer of the First Battalion of the Twentieth Engineers. In February, 1919, he was relieved of command and placed in charge of the work of constructing roads in southern France, acting as liaison officer between the construction department of the United States Army and the Pons et Chauses until his embarkation, June 10, 1919. At Plattsburg, New York, he was mustered out of the service August 8, 1919, with the rank of captain, returning home with a most creditable military record.

On resuming the life of a civilian Mr. Graham again became associated with the engineering department of the city of Albany and in 1920 was made deputy city engineer. In 1922 he became district manager of the Asphalt Association and lectured throughout New York state and Canada before various engineering colleges and societies. In 1924 he entered the general construction business in partnership with E. B. Stevenson—a connection that has since been maintained. They are also associated under the style of Graham & Stevenson, Inc., engineers and contractors. Of this organization Mr. Graham is the president and Mr. Stevenson occupies the office of secretary. They have been awarded many large contracts and their work, which is of a high character and standard excellence, has constituted a notable feature in the city's upbuilding and improvement.

On the 2d of July, 1909, Mr. Graham was married to Miss Mary Wiechers, a native of New York city and a daughter of Albert C. Wiechers, now deceased. Mrs. Graham pursued her studies in the public schools of New York city and in Hunter's College, from which she won the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts, and engaged in educational work prior to her marriage. She has become the mother of a daughter, Catharine, who was born June 7, 1913, and was accorded liberal educational advantages. Following her graduation from the Albany Academy for Girls she attended Vassar College for a year and is now taking a course in the Bovies School of Physical Culture in Boston, Massachusetts.

Reared in the Catholic faith, Mr. Graham is a communicant of St. Mary's Church of that denomination and his wife is a member of the Lutheran Church. Golf, racquet and amateur theatricals afford him the necessary relaxation and diversion from business cares. He is a republican, and belongs to the Albany Players, Inc., to the Theta Xi fraternity, the University Club and Fort Orange Post of the American Legion, of which he is a past vice commander. His professional standing is indicated in the fact that he is a past vice president of the Albany Society of Engineers, a past president of Albany Chapter of the American Association of Engineers and a past president of the New York State Chapter of the American Association of Engineers. He also has connection with the Vermont Society of Engineers and is a man of marked ability in his chosen field.

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## FRED J. GRUEL

Fred J. Gruel, general sales manager of the Westchester Lighting Company, was born in New York city on the 25th of April, 1894, and is a son of John and Christine (Schneider) Gruel. In his native city he was reared and educated, afterward working for a real estate firm for a short time. His initial experience along the line of public utility service was gained in 1912, when he accepted a situation with the Consolidated Gas Company of New York city, and his thorough training with that corporation well qualified him for the office of general sales manager of the Westchester Lighting Company, with which he has been associated since 1924, faithfully serving the company for seven years. Their general office is located at Mount Vernon in a ten-story building at First avenue and First street, where they have a large sales and show room for the display of the electric and other goods which they handle. Mr. Gruel is in charge of the general sales department and through the capable discharge of his important duties has materially furthered the interests of the company in this connection.

In 1929 Mr. Gruel was married to Miss Genevieve Wallace, a native of Mount Vernon and a daughter of James Wallace. Mr. Gruel belongs to Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 142, B. P. O. E., and is also a Mason, affiliated with Lincoln Lodge, No. 748, F. & A. M.; Zetland Chapter, No. 141, R. A. M.; Columbia Council, No. 1, R. & S. M.; Morton Commandery, No. 4, K. T.; and Kismet Temple of the Mystic Shrine in New York city. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he lends the weight of his support to all well defined movements for Mount Vernon's growth and betterment but has neither sought nor held public office. To his work he gives his undivided attention and his steady advancement in the business world is largely attributable to his dependability, his unremitting industry and his loyalty and devotion to every trust reposed in him.

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## CHARLES KNICKERBACKER WINNE, M. D.

Dr. Charles Knickerbacker Winne, who served with distinction in the Civil war and was long rated as one of the foremost surgeons in the United States Army, had back of him a long line of notable ancestors and in person, in talents and in achievements was a worthy scion of his race. He was born June 30, 1838, a son of Dr. Charles and Louisa Caroline (Viele) Winne, and was the seventh in line of descent from Pieter Winne, a native of Ghent, Flanders. With his wife, Jannetje, a native of Leeuwarden, Friesland, Pieter Winne came to America in 1650 and settled in Beverwyck, now Albany. In his new home he was a man of considerable importance, becoming a magistrate in 1660, and at his death about 1695 owned quite a large estate, including half of Constapel's Island, and a sawmill in the country nearby. In 1684 he had thirteen children living, nine sons and four daughters. This gave the Winne family an early start and accounts for the large number of persons of this name now living in Albany and the neighboring counties.

Jacob Winne, a great-great-grandson of Pieter Winne, was

born in 1758 and died in 1806. During the Revolutionary war he was adjutant of the Fourteenth, or Albany County Regiment, commanded by Colonel Peter Yates, from October to December, 1779, and under Lieutenant Colonel Marinus Willett was quartermaster of his battalion from August to November, 1781.

His son, Jellis Winne, Jr., was born in 1778 and died in 1849. He engaged in merchandising in Albany and was also well known in financial circles of the city, serving for years as cashier of the Bank of Albany. He married Sara Fondey, a daughter of Ensign John Fondey, Jr., who was a member of the Society of the Cincinnati and a descendant of Jellis Douw Fonda, the founder of Fonda, New York. In both the paternal and maternal lines Sara Fondey was a great-great-great-great granddaughter of Jesse De Forest.

Charles Winne, the eldest son of Jellis Winne, Jr., was born in Albany in 1811 and died in 1877. After attending the Albany Academy and Union College he completed his medical studies at the College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York city and settled in Buffalo, New York, where he practiced successfully for many years, becoming recognized as one of the local leaders of his profession. In 1836 he was married in Waterford, New York, to Louisa Caroline Viele, who belonged to one of the oldest Dutch families of the state, and through her mother was descended from the Knickerbackers, of Schaghticoke.

Their oldest child and the only one to reach maturity was Dr. Charles Knickerbacker Winne. His early education was largely acquired under private tutors, although for a short time he was a pupil in the Albany Academy. During the winter term of 1857-58 he attended the Harvard Medical School, receiving instruction in anatomy and physiology from Oliver Wendell Holmes, and in the following year studied in the College of Physicians & Surgeons at New York city. He was next a student at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, where he was graduated with the class of 1859. An ardent Unionist, he offered his services to the government at the first call for volunteers in 1861 and for a time was attached to a regiment that was being formed

in Buffalo. Owing to delay in completing the organization he made application for entrance into the medical corps of the regular army and passed the examination with a high rating. Entering the army in July, 1861, he first served with General McClellan's column in western Virginia and was then assigned to hospital duty and hospital construction work in West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. In September, 1863, he was transferred to the Army of the Potomac, with which he continued until July 1, 1865, when it was disbanded, serving first as surgeon in chief of the artillery brigade, then as surgeon in chief of the Second Division, and subsequently as medical inspector of the corps. He participated in the following engagements: Rich Mountain, West Virginia; Rappahannock Station; Mine Run; the Wilderness; Laurel Hill; Spottsylvania Court House; North Anna; Cold Harbor; Petersburg; Weldon Railroad; Hatcher's Run; Peebles' Farm; Quaker Road; White Oak Ridge; Five Forks; and the pursuit and surrender at Appomattox Court House of the Army of Northern Virginia. He was present with his corps commander General Griffin, in the courtyard of the McLean House when Generals Grant and Lee were considering the terms of the surrender. As medical inspector, he also rode in his place in the Fifth Corps staff during the grand review of the Army of the Potomac in Washington, May 23, 1865. His war record was brilliant. Officially commended by two commanders of the Fifth Corps in succession and by the commanding general of the District of the Chattahoochee, he was brevetted thrice by the war department, twice (as captain and major) for "faithful and meritorious services during the war," and once as lieutenant colonel for "meritorious and distinguished services at Tybee Island, Georgia, where cholera prevailed."

Colonel Winne resigned from the army in 1873 but reentered it in the following year. In 1875 he was offered and declined a commission as lieutenant colonel in the medical corps of the Egyptian Army. Though different in type from his war work, his later army service was none the less distinguished and his stations were numerous and scattered. In 1902, while serving as

chief surgeon of the Department of the Missouri, he was retired for age as lieutenant colonel and deputy surgeon general but in 1904 by act of congress was promoted to the rank of colonel, United States Army, retired, for Civil war service. He held the congressional bronze medal for the campaigns of the Civil war.

Colonel Winne lived in Baltimore for two years following his retirement but in 1904 removed to Albany, the home of his ancestors, to be near his son, who had gone there to practice medicine. A contemporary historian wrote as follows of Colonel Winne: "He was tall, very slender and erect, and with a distinct military carriage, even in the later months of his life. His military training and experience showed their effects on his character and manner as well as on his physical bearing. He was dignified, retiring and punctilious in all that he did or said, prompt to the last degree in all engagements. Strangers thought him rather stern and severe in manner, though he was ever most courteous. Everyone admired him and his qualities, and his friends were very fond of him and he of them. He was proud of his lineage and the accomplishments of his forbears, but seldom referred to his own record and achievements. He was a fine conversationalist, though decided and outspoken in his opinions, fearless, upright, honest and conscientious to a fault, hating all sham and deceit of whatever kind. In short, he was a true 'gentleman of the old school.' He was a great reader and student and spent most of his time in his later years in his library as increasing deafness and an impairment of his voice rendered conversation difficult. In politics he was an ardent republican and believed most heartily in America and American institutions. He was very jealous of his country's honor and very impatient, even with those in authority, who seemed to trifle with it or allow others to do so. He fell in June and broke his hip. His strength, impaired by age, was unable to withstand the shock and after three months of mental and physical suffering he obeyed the summons of the Great Commander, September 24, 1919. He was buried with military honors in the Albany Rural Cemetery in the plot where lie the remains of his parents and grandparents." He

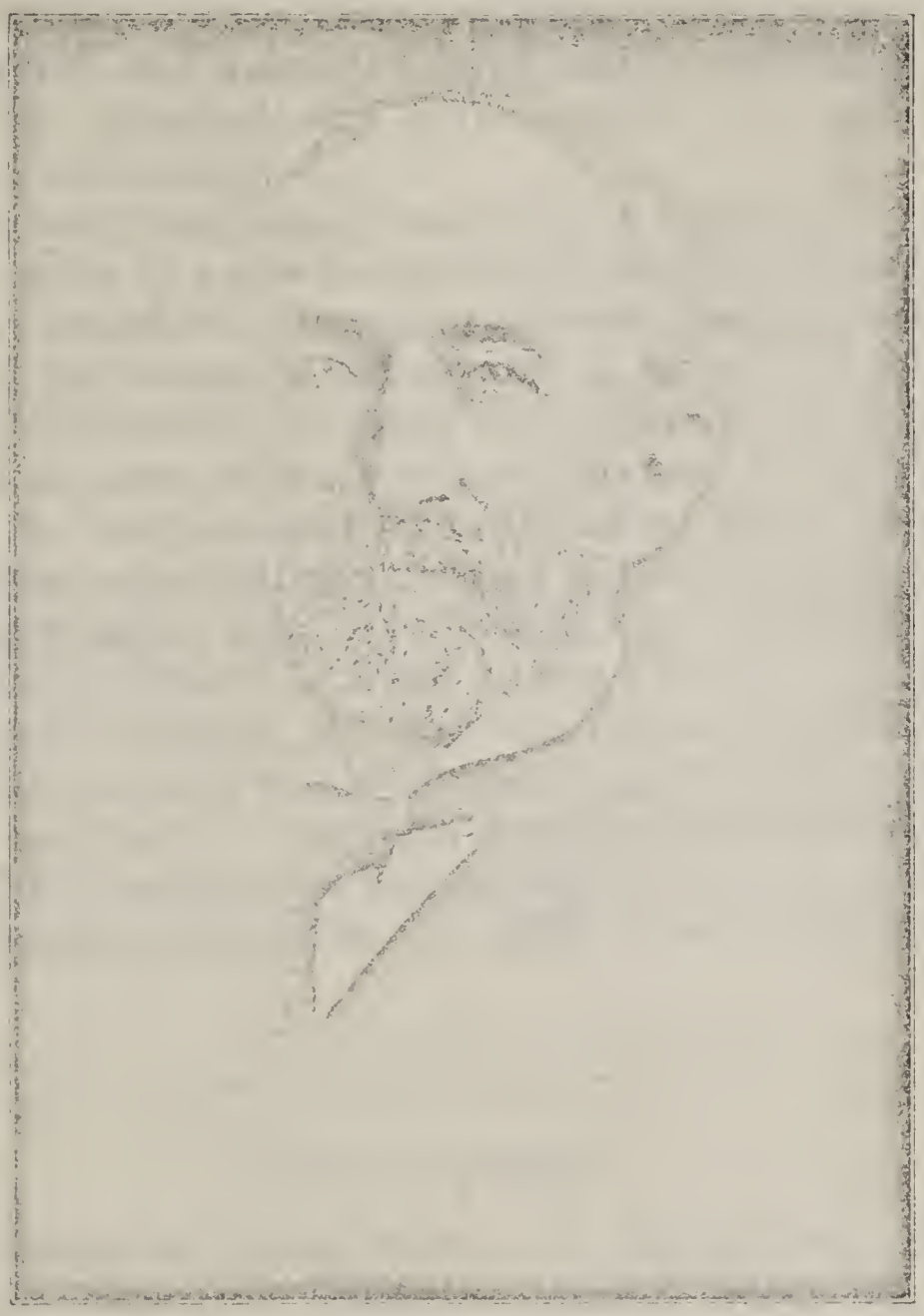
was a member of the Sons of the Revolution and a companion, first class, of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was a member of the Holland Society and for several years served as its vice president for the United States Army. He was especially interested in history, biography and genealogy.

In 1874 Dr. Winne married Mrs. Caroline E. (Frey) Giddings, whose family was very prominent in central New York in the colonial and Revolutionary periods, and who, with a son, Dr. Charles K. Winne, Jr., and three grandchildren, survived him.

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## EDGAR D. STARBUCK, Sr.

Edgar D. Starbuck, Sr., deceased, was long remembered among the prosperous business men and prominent citizens of Saratoga Springs, where in 1885 he founded the department store which bears his name and of which he continued at the head during the remaining four decades of his life. He was born in Chestertown, Warren county, New York, June 23, 1845, a son of Stephen and Cynthia (Mead) Starbuck. As a young man he was in the grocery business in Glens Falls, coming to Saratoga Springs in 1885 to found the mercantile establishment which has borne his name throughout its business existence. Mr. Starbuck began his business career in Saratoga Springs in the store which was located at 464 Broadway and at first he employed six persons. The growth of the business is a testimony to his ability and character. In 1894 it was moved to 410-12 Broadway. In 1896 the building next door at 408 Broadway was occupied and in 1903 the third floor was taken over by the firm and an electric elevator installed. In 1907 the business was incorporated with Mr. Starbuck as the president, the new members added to the firm being Ellen F. M. Starbuck, Loyal A. Norton, George D. Carr and Levi A. Martin. Additions of the fourth floor in 1915 and the basement house furnishings department in 1918 were made and the number of employes increased to fifty. Aside from his mercantile interests, Mr. Starbuck was a prominent factor in financial affairs as an



EDGAR D. STARBUCK, SR.

official of the Saratoga National Bank, which he served as vice president and also as president.

On December 29, 1874, Mr. Starbuck married Ella F. Martin and they had three children: Kathryn H.; Roy Martin, who was killed in an automobile accident; and Edgar D. Starbuck, Jr. The wife and mother died August 24, 1914, and on the 15th of February, 1922, Mr. Starbuck was again married, his second union being with Anna Larson.

Mr. Starbuck was keenly interested in community projects. For several years he was a member of the board of education and served as its president. He was at different times president and treasurer of the Saratoga Athenaeum, a director of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors, president of the Hawley Home for Children and a member of the board of directors of the Saratoga Hospital. He was president of the Business Men's Association for two years and one-time president of the Chamber of Commerce. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the First Baptist Church, of which he was a trustee. Up to within a few weeks of his death, Mr. Starbuck was at his place of business each day and even at the advanced age of eighty-one he was an active participant in the many boards and committees which represented his business and philanthropic interests. He died at Saratoga Springs, September 23, 1926, when eighty-one years of age.

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## LEO M. DOODY

Commissioner of public welfare of the city and county of Albany since January 1, 1922, Leo Murray Doody has made a thorough study of modern welfare methods and has come to be recognized as one of the prominent figures among the public officials of the state. He is a native son of Albany, where he was born April 14, 1878. The family has been resident in Albany for over a century. His grandfather, James Doody, was a trucking contractor in the days when Albany was a large brick-making

center, and his father, also James Doody, was a plumbing and roofing contractor, establishing the business now conducted by his brother, also James Doody, on South Pearl street, over seventy years ago. Commissioner Doody's mother was Ann Murray, whose father, Dennis Murray, was one of the pioneer steam engineers of this section. James Doody, the father, died in 1906 and Mrs. Doody in 1927.

Leo M. Doody received his education in the grade and high schools of Albany and has since taken a deep interest in school affairs. He is a past president of the Old Philologians, an organization devoted to keeping high school graduates interested in the old school and in the affairs of the new. After leaving high school Mr. Doody entered the newspaper business through the editorial department of the Times-Union. Later he was associated with the Albany Evening Journal, the old Knickerbocker-Press, the Argus and in 1915 became part owner and editor of The Sunday Telegram, which he remodeled and reorganized into a progressive weekly news and feature publication. Several times during his newspaper career Mr. Doody left the field to enter business, having been with Swift and Company, of Chicago, in the south, and for different periods was associated with Peter J. Callan in the real estate business and for a time managed the Helderberg Inn, an historic hotel at Altamont, New York, since purchased and made a seminary by the Salesian Fathers. In October, 1914, he was appointed chief deputy collector of internal revenue by Collector Roscoe Irwin of the fourteenth district of New York and while in that office was compelled to abandon a course at the Albany Law School through pressure of business brought on by the beginning of the World war. Since his appointment as commissioner of charities in 1922 he has devoted his time exclusively to this work. He has been president of the New York State Association of Public Welfare Officials and at present is chairman of the association's legislative committee. As member of this committee Mr. Doody was active in the writing of the public welfare law which went into effect in 1930, taking the place of the antiquated poor law. His principal activity has been

in modernizing welfare methods in public departments and in bringing about the change which takes the stigma of pauperism from applicants for public relief. The construction of the Ann Lee Home, Albany county's model home and hospital, is regarded as his greatest achievement. Naming this beautiful institution for the care of the aged and the chronic sick after Ann Lee, founder of the Shaker Community, has taken from it the ugly designation of poorhouse and given it and its patients a happier and more dignified status. This home is one unit in the Albany County Farm, the site of the old Shaker Church Family home. Another is the Van Rensselaer Preventorium, devoted to the care of children who have been exposed to tuberculosis, and to children whose family history, or undernourishment, might subject them to tuberculosis. The Preventorium is a project carried out through Commissioner Doody's initiative. The third unit is a model county jail, opened in 1931, and the next step will be a county tuberculosis hospital. These buildings are all on the beautiful eight-hundred acre farm owned by the county.

The Commissioner's genius for organization was evidenced in the three largest public demonstrations of recent years in Albany. He was chairman of the Preparedness Day parade in 1916, the patriotic demonstration on Flag Day, 1917, at the beginning of the World war, and the mammoth parade of Albany city's Tercentenary celebration. He reorganized and became president of the Young Men's Democratic Club in 1904, was a member of the committee which built the Elks club house on State street in 1912 and was one of the organizers of the Elks famous Kiddies Days and Christmas distributions. During the World war he was general publicity agent, secretary of the committee which handled funds for soldiers' families and organizer of the War Chest Minstrels which provided a generous portion of these funds. His ability as a public speaker and publicity man has made him part of the city's public demonstrations and an active figure in the politics of the city and county.

In September, 1906, Mr. Doody married Margaret A. Walsh, daughter of the late William Walsh, who for years was construc-

tion superintendent of the old Albany Railway. To this marriage have been born three children, Ellen Walsh Doody, James Doody and Leo Murray Doody, Jr. Mrs. Doody has been active in the affairs of the various women's organizations of the city, especially in the work of the flower guilds and garden clubs. The home of the family is at Shaker Farms in Colonie, New York.

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## WILLIS I. PURDY, M. D.

Throughout Orange county, Dr. Willis I. Purdy is known as a physician and surgeon of marked ability who has practiced successfully in Middletown for nearly forty years. He was born in Sullivan county, New York, October 23, 1853, a son of Dr. Isaac P. and Gertrude Maria (Dabron) Purdy, the latter a native of the same county. The father was also a physician and surgeon of high standing and practiced in Orange county for a period of thirty years.

Dr. Willis I. Purdy acquired his public school education in his native county and after attending the Claverack Military College matriculated in the University of New York, from which he was graduated with the M. D. degree. As an interne of Bellevue Hospital in New York city he made practical use of his theoretical knowledge and on leaving that institution located in Westtown, Orange county, which was the scene of his professional activities for ten years. In 1892 he removed to Middletown and here he has since remained. His office is at 18 Grove street and in addition to caring for an extensive practice he is a member of the surgical staff of Thrall Hospital and consulting surgeon to the Horton Memorial Hospital. His powers have grown through the exercise of effort and his ministrations have been attended by beneficial results.

Dr. Purdy was married to Miss Lydia Hoffman, who passed away in 1891. She had become the mother of a daughter, Jane, who is now the wife of Philip Rorty, a well known lawyer of Goshen, New York, and they have two children, Philip and Eliza-

beth. For his second wife Dr. Purdy chose Mrs. George Roberts.

The Doctor is a past president of the Orange County Medical Society and also belongs to the City and State Medical Societies. In politics he is a republican and lends the weight of his support to all movements destined to prove of benefit to his community but has never sought public office. Devoted to his patients, he allows nothing to interfere with the faithful performance of his duties as a physician and surgeon and loves his profession for the good which it has enabled him to do. Although seventy-eight years of age, Dr. Purdy remains an active factor in the world's work and his sterling traits of character have won for him a high place in the esteem of his professional associates and the general public.

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## EDWARD R. HARMS

Edward R. Harms is the efficient postmaster of Pearl River, for which office he was named by President Coolidge in 1923 and again appointed by President Hoover. He was born in New York city, June 13, 1892, a son of Richard F. and Elizabeth (Clausen) Harms. The father, a native of Hanover, Germany, arrived in America when about fourteen years of age, and eventually became a successful hotel proprietor of New York city. Following his retirement from business, in 1905, he removed to Pearl River, Rockland county, where he passed away in 1912. In early manhood he married Miss Elizabeth Clausen, who was born in New York city in 1866 and who died in 1930. Their family numbered nine children, four of whom survive, namely: Dr. Herbert F. Harms, well known veterinarian of Pearl River, who is mentioned at length on another page of this work; Frederick W., who also resides in Pearl River; Edward R., the immediate subject of this review; and Mrs. Helen D. Serrell, of Denver, Colorado.

Edward R. Harms supplemented his public school education by courses of study in the Dwight Preparatory School and the Packard Commercial School of New York city. Thereafter he

worked as a clerk in the McAlpin Hotel of the eastern metropolis and subsequently followed electrical contracting for five years, after which he became identified with the Lederle Antitoxin Laboratories of Pearl River in the capacity of superintendent of maintenance. It was in 1923, as above stated, that President Coolidge appointed him postmaster of Pearl River, in which office he has since remained, having been again appointed by President Hoover. His duties have been discharged in a highly satisfactory and capable manner, and he enjoys an enviable reputation as a faithful and conscientious public official.

In November, 1916, Mr. Harms married Miss Elsie H. Peper, daughter of Henry and Johanna (Tidemann) Peper, of Brooklyn, New York. They are the parents of two children, Edward R., Jr., and Elaine F., both high school students.

The political views of Mr. Harms are in accord with the principles and platform of the republican party. He is a consistent member of the English Lutheran Church and also a worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, being a past master of the blue lodge. His personality is such as to inspire confidence in all with whom he comes in contact—a confidence which is always strengthened by continued acquaintance, so that he has won many warm friends.

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## HUGH McCLELLAN POTTER

Hugh McClellan Potter, who was engaged in the automobile business in Chatham prior to his election to the office of treasurer of Columbia county in the fall of 1930, was born in Troy, Rensselaer county, New York, February 20, 1875. His father, Louis Potter, was a native of Poughkeepsie, New York, and engaged in the manufacture of stoves and heaters for several years in Troy, New York, under the style of Louis Potter & Company. Subsequently he developed various subdivisions, including the Pawling avenue addition in Troy. Sagacious and farsighted, he prospered in all of his undertakings and was able to spend the sunset period

of life in ease and comfort. He married Mary Elizabeth McClellan, a daughter of Hugh W. McClellan, who served for six years as surrogate judge of Columbia county, occupied the office of county judge for a period of twelve years and was a member of the state assembly. Louis and Mary E. (McClellan) Potter were the parents of two sons: Hugh M.; and Louis, who was a sculptor of note and passed away in Seattle, Washington, in 1914, while en route to do some work for the commissioners of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition.

In the acquirement of an education Hugh M. Potter attended the public schools of Chatham, New York, and also took a course in the Albany Business College. Early in life he obtained work in a newspaper office in Chatham, where he continued for five years. Going to Texas, he spent five years in the Lone Star state and had the management of a nine-thousand-acre stock ranch and irrigated farm near San Antonio. With his return to his native state Mr. Potter engaged in the retail coal business at Chatham and later became an agent of the United States government at Albany, where he was identified with the revenue department for fifteen years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Chatham, where he conducted business successfully as an automobile dealer until November, 1930, when he was the popular choice for county treasurer, and took office January 1, 1931, for a term of three years. As a public servant he is energetic and efficient, devoting his best efforts to the important interests under his charge.

On the 20th of December, 1898, Mr. Potter was married to Miss Alma Hamilton Schufelt, a daughter of John D. and Abigail Schufelt. Mr. and Mrs. Potter have two sons and a daughter. The first-born, Hugh McClellan, Jr., was graduated from the Chatham high school and after attending the Perkiomen Academy of Pennsylvania took up the study of accounting at Boston University. He is now identified with the automobile trade, conducting business under his own name at Chatham, New York. He married Miss Emma Carlisle, of Exeter, New Hampshire, and they have two children, Lois and Hugh (III). Louis, the second

son, attended Colgate University for two years, and is now connected with the Columbia Mills at West Pullman, Illinois. In Albany, New York, he married Miss Elizabeth Rockefeller, whose father was at that time identified with the tax department of the state, and they have one child, Patricia. Madeline Elizabeth, who completes the family, obtained her high school education in Chatham and next attended St. Agnes School in Albany, continuing her studies in the Weylister School at Milford, Connecticut, where she was graduated in June, 1931.

Mr. Potter is a Mason, belonging to Chatham Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M., and also has fraternal affiliations with Chatham Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and Chatham Camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. He has a wide acquaintance in Columbia county, for the greater part of his life has been spent within its borders, and his integrity, ability and public spirit are attested by all who know him.

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## EPHRAIM B. POTTER

Throughout the upper Hudson River Valley Ephraim B. Potter was known as an architect of marked ability and in the upbuilding and improvement of Glens Falls, his native city, he played a leading part. Born in August, 1860, he was a son of Ephraim B. and Electa (Seymour) Potter, and attended the public schools of Glens Falls and the Glens Falls Academy. While in the employ of his father, a well known contractor, he gained practical experience in construction work and afterward took up the study of architecture, winning success and prominence in that profession, which he followed until his death on the 5th of November, 1925, at the age of sixty-five years. His work was the expression of a high and enduring art, manifesting splendid adaptation to specific needs, combined with beauty in form and design, and won for him more than local notice. He designed and constructed the Glens Falls high school, the Colvin building, the B. B. Fowler building and many other large business blocks in the heart



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of the city. He was the architect and builder of the residence of Dr. Thomas H. Foulds on Ridge street, that of Howard H. Pruyn on Glen street, the Patrick Moynehan home on Glen street, and practically all of the finest residences in Glens Falls. His career was replete with important achievement and it was largely due to his efforts that Glens Falls became known as one of the most beautiful cities in the state. In addition to his professional activities he was a director of the Glens Falls Portland Cement Company, Inc., and the First National Bank.

On the 24th of December, 1907, Mr. Potter was married to Miss Isabel Crosbie, who is a daughter of Robert and Mary (Fleming) Crosbie and a member of an old and prominent family of Glens Falls. Mr. Potter was a Knights Templar Mason and Shriner, and he also belonged to the Elks. With the high aims and purposes of these fraternal organizations he was in full accord and he was also loyal to the teachings of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was long a member. By nature he was gentle, sincere and kindly and these qualities endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Mr. Potter expressed his deep affection for his city by effective efforts in its behalf and left behind him the imperishable monument of splendid dreams realized.

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## JOHN YOUNG GEROW

A fine example of a well spent life is afforded in the career of John Young Gerow, who at the age of seventy-five years is still an active factor in the world's work. He has been officially identified with the National Bank of Washingtonville from the time of its founding and since resigning the presidency of the institution on the 1st of July, 1931, has been chairman of its board of directors. The bank has materially benefited by his well directed efforts as a financier, and he has also furthered the development of his section of the state along agricultural lines. He was born in Milton, Ulster county, New York, March 9, 1856, a son of Justice Cooley Gerow, who was born at Blooming Grove, Orange

county, this state, and followed the occupation of farming until his demise in October, 1885, at the age of sixty-nine years. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Phoebe Young, was born in 1824 and passed away in 1922, at the age of ninety-eight years. There were three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gerow: Anna, the wife of Dr. Clifford Howells, of New York city; Hallock Y., a graduate of Edwards College, who passed away in 1924, at the age of seventy years; and John Young, of this review.

The advantages of a public school education were accorded John Y. Gerow, who was reared on the home place and early became familiar with the work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He has never lost interest in agricultural pursuits and is the owner of one of the modern farms of Orange county. A firm believer in the value of cooperation, he formed the Dairymen's League. He revived the interest in Grange work and assisted in the organization of various bodies, including Washingtonville Grange, of which he served as master for seven years, and Pomona Grange, of which he was master for five years. He also helped organize the Patrons of Husbandry Insurance Company. Mr. Gerow was for two years a member of the Farm and Market Council of the state of New York and was a member of the board of directors of the Orange County Agricultural Association. In order to meet the real need of his community he organized the National Bank of Washingtonville in 1908, becoming its vice president, and in 1924 was elected to the office of president, which he occupied until July, 1931, when he resigned. Possessing keen powers of discernment, he carefully avoided unwise investments and closely adhered to a policy which protected the interests of depositors, at the same time contributing toward the growth and prestige of the bank.

Mr. Gerow was married November 5, 1879, to Miss Sarah Amelia Hudson, a daughter of the Hon. Daniel Reeves Hudson, who was a New York assemblyman from his district and a representative of one of the old families of Orange county. The Hudson farm has been in possession of the family for over two hundred years. To Mr. and Mrs. Gerow were born a son and two

daughters: Clarence Hudson, who is cultivating his father's farm and has a wife, Elsie (Seaman) Gerow, and four children, Clarence S., Jean, John Y. and Hallock Y.; Anna, who is the wife of William Lewis Mallon, of Newark, New Jersey, and the mother of two daughters, Emma S. and Janet; and Susan Wright, at home.

In religious belief Mr. Gerow is a Quaker but attends the Congregational Church and has been a trustee thereof for many years. He votes with the republican party and in all matters of citizenship is loyal and public-spirited. During the World war he was chairman of draft board No. 4 and while thus serving induced Governor Whitman to deliver a lecture in Washingtonville. For two years he was connected with the waterworks system of New York city, acting as appraiser of the aqueducts and discharging his duties with the thoroughness, fidelity and ability that have characterized his work throughout life. He has served on various commissions and has done legislative work at Albany.

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## ELMER E. VAN ORDEN

Elmer E. Van Orden, a representative of one of the honored old families of Rockland county, is actively engaged in the cultivation of a farm of two hundred acres near New City. He was born in the town of Clarkstown, Rockland county, New York, on March 7, 1864, in a home which has been in possession of the Van Orden family through seven generations and in which he still resides. His parents were David and Charity Antoinette (Williams) Van Orden, the former also a native of Clarkstown, Rockland county. The Williams family, of French origin, was established in Rockland county during the pioneer epoch in the history of the Empire state. Hendrick Van Orden, the great-grandfather of Elmer E. Van Orden in the paternal line, fought in the Revolutionary war together with six of his sons, including Henry Van Orden, grandfather of Elmer E., who was a major in the army. Hendrick Van Orden was killed in action. David Van Orden,

father of E. E., was twice married and by his first wife had a son, Howard Van Orden, whose son, Thomas Van Orden, is the father of two sons, Austin and William.

Elmer E. Van Orden acquired his education in the rural schools and after putting aside his text-books turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He now operates a farm of two hundred acres in the vicinity of New City, and his well cultivated fields annually yield rich harvests. In former years he was successfully engaged in the milk business, conducting an enterprise of this character for a quarter of a century, and he has long been numbered among the prosperous and substantial citizens of his community.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Van Orden has supported the men and measures of the democratic party. For a period of ten years, though not continuously, he filled the office of deputy sheriff, ever discharging his duties faithfully and fearlessly. His religious faith is that of the Episcopal Church, the teachings of which he has consistently followed. His career has been an upright and honorable one in every relation and he is held in high esteem throughout the community in which his entire life has been spent.

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## WILLIAM H. ODELL

For many years William H. Odell was a commanding figure in manufacturing circles of New York city as one of the owners and executives of the extensive business conducted under the style of J. H. & C. S. Odell & Company, pioneer organ builders of national repute, but since 1928 has carried on his manufacturing interests at Mount Vernon. He was born in New York city on the 20th of December, 1857, a son of Caleb S. and Sarah V. (Haight) Odell, and represents one of the old families of the Empire state. The father was one of the founders of the present business and remained active in its control until his demise, which occurred at New Rochelle, New York, when he was sixty-five

years of age. For eighteen years the mother survived him, passing away in 1910.

Reared in his native city, William H. Odell attended its public schools and at an early age started to work in his father's factory. To the upbuilding and expansion of the business he has devoted the best efforts of his life and has been one of the chief factors in its notable growth and success. Inheriting his father's powers of initiative and administration, he has influenced the progress of organ building in this country to a marked extent and is accounted one of the foremost executives in his particular field. His home in the Bronx is at 1404 Jessup avenue and he commutes to his factory, which is located at 894-98 South Columbus avenue, Mount Vernon, and has been operated in this city since 1928.

The history of this pioneer firm is most interesting. It was in the early '40s—about the time that the great period of progress in the organ building industry began—that the Odell family founded its business house. It has actively managed its own establishment since that day seventy-three years ago when the names of J. H. and C. S. Odell were painted on the wooden sign outside the small factory at 165 Seventh avenue, New York city, where they began to manufacture organs.

John H. Odell and Caleb S. Odell were the pioneers, brothers, born of old New York stock, the former in 1830 and the latter in 1827. They early entered the employ of Messrs. Ferris and Stewart, organ builders of New York, and rapidly advanced to positions of prominence with that concern. In 1859 they saw and seized an opportunity to enter business on their own account—a business destined to become noted for the excellence of its product and the ability of its owners and directors.

Their first instrument of prominence was built in 1860 for the South Baptist Church in West Twenty-fifth street, New York, and the opening recital was a notable musical event in the city's life. George Washburne Morgan, the leading organ virtuoso of the time, was the organist and Madame Parepa-Rosa the soloist. This organ is still in good condition and in use in New York city.

During the first decade of its history the firm presented to

the organ world an innovation that has since been adopted by all the organ builders of the country, and has become a necessary adjunct to every modern instrument. This was the combination pistons between the manuals for operating the stops in groups. A patent for the new invention, known as the "Odell pneumatic composition knobs," was taken out May 8, 1866, and introduced for the first time in an organ built for Dr. C. W. Grant for his country residence at Iona Island, New York. This new system was highly endorsed and commended immediately and resulted in such a phenomenal increase in business that the firm was compelled to seek larger quarters and moved to their new factory at 407-9 West Forty-second street in 1868. Here the brothers Odell continued to give their personal attention to the work and Odell-made organs kept improving in tonal and mechanical features—always just ahead of the times. In 1872 the first patent granted in America for a tubular pneumatic action was issued to John H. Odell and the new system was introduced in a number of organs, especially for the operation of the pedal organ when placed at a distance from the console.

In 1873 it was again necessary to enlarge the plant and a wing was added which more than doubled the floor area. From this time various improvements were made to facilitate and expedite the process of manufacture, among them the introduction of power machinery and other modern manufacturing accessories. In 1892 Caleb S. Odell died, and his son, William H. Odell, who had been an active member of the working force since 1871, and George W. Odell, a son of John H. Odell, who had been trained in the business since 1875, were admitted to partnership with John H. Odell, the surviving member of the old firm. The young men, however, gradually assumed the responsibilities of management as advanced age and infirmity compelled John H. Odell to relinquish his active participation. They introduced one of the most important improvements in the firm's history, when in 1898 they produced and patented their "Odell vacuo-exhaust system" of tubular pneumatic action. This was declared by many qualified experts to be the simplest and most efficient action of the tubular

type ever used and was installed in many of the largest and most noted organs of the land. In 1899 John H. Odell died and the firm was continued by the two members of the second generation, William H. Odell and George W. Odell, until 1911, when Caleb H. Odell, a member of the third generation and a son of William H. Odell, was admitted to partnership. He had entered the firm's employ twelve years before, and had attained to a thorough knowledge of the business, becoming a valuable asset in the administrative force and the inventor of many important improvements. In 1913 George W. Odell died and the firm has been continued since that time by William H. and Caleb H. Odell, the surviving partners.

In 1914 another epoch in the Odell history was made by the invention of the Odell electro-magnetic system of electric action. By this invention the limitations and the pneumatic complexity of the electro-pneumatic type of action which the firm had experimented with for many years, were overcome and an electric action produced that was felt to be worthy of the Odell name. Through constant striving for perfection the firm has attained leadership in the line in which it specializes and has furnished organs for churches, private homes and societies throughout the United States.

In 1876 William H. Odell was married to Miss Mary Campbell, a native of New York city and a daughter of James and Sarah Campbell. The father of Mrs. Odell devoted his attention to the tobacco business and for many years was with Pierre Lorillard & Company, now the American Tobacco Company. Mr. and Mrs. Odell became the parents of four children: Caleb H., Josephine, Lewis C. and Elmer E. Caleb H. Odell was born in Brooklyn, New York, and attended the public schools of that city and the New York City College. Lewis C. Odell, born in New York city in 1889, completed his education in New York University, from which he was graduated in 1911. He then entered his father's business and, like his brother, has become a forceful factor in its management.

William H. Odell is a York Rite Mason, identified with Har-

lem Lodge, F. & A. M.; Sylvan Chapter, R. A. M.; and Constantine Commandery, K. T., of Manhattan. In politics he is a republican and conscientiously fulfills the duties and obligations of citizenship but has never aspired to public office. His energies have been devoted to the successful continuation of a great business and although he has passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, he remains an active and important factor in the world's work.

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## MICHAEL N. NOLAN

Coming to Albany during the formative period of its history, Michael N. Nolan wrote his name upon the annals of the city in terms of honor and of success, and was particularly well known as a pioneer in the brewing industry. Called to public office, he rendered valuable service as mayor and as congressman and combined in his character all of the qualities of a useful and desirable citizen.

Mr. Nolan was born in Carlow, Ireland, May 4, 1833, and in early life came to the United States with his parents, Lawrence and Anne (Healy) Nolan, who established their home in Albany. He was accorded the advantages of a public school education and when a young man entered the law office of the firm of Porter, Cagger & Hand, acquiring a knowledge of legal procedure which was of great value to him in his later activities. In early manhood he went to California and became associated with the pioneer railroad-building operator, Collis P. Huntington, in the development of the Central Pacific Railroad and other enterprises on the Pacific coast. Mr. Huntington was well known as one of the "big four" who promoted and developed the Central and Southern Pacific Railroads. In recognition of Mr. Nolan's ability, he was made manager of the most important portion of the Central Pacific Railroad. Subsequently Mr. Nolan returned to Albany and, shortly thereafter, was solicited by Mr. Huntington to return to engage in the building of the railroad empire for which Mr. Hun-



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tington is credited, but Mr. Nolan had other plans and remained in Albany. The intimate relationship between Mr. Huntington and Mr. Nolan continued throughout their entire lives, as is evidenced by their frequent meetings whenever Mr. Huntington visited the eastern part of the country. Mr. Nolan formed the acquaintance of John McKnight, who was then a prominent brewer of the city, and through him Mr. Nolan became interested in the brewing business, in which he was destined to attain a place of leadership. Shortly afterward he joined James Quinn in the ale brewing business and later became his son-in-law. After the death of James Quinn, his son, Terence J. Quinn, and Mr. Nolan formed the firm of Quinn & Nolan, adopting that style in 1866, and subsequently this became a stock corporation, known as the Quinn & Nolan Ale Brewing Company. Visualizing the possibilities of the lager-beer industry, Mr. Nolan formed the Beverwyck Brewing Company in 1877 and was long a dominant factor in the affairs of that organization. Under his wise guidance the business grew and prospered and he continued active in its control throughout the remainder of his life. It is interesting to note that the brewery business which was carried on by his family after Mr. Nolan's death, closed upon the passing of the eighteenth amendment and the Nolan family pensioned their employees, many of whom had been with them for more than fifty years. Mr. Nolan was trustee of the National Savings Bank and accumulated a fortune in his various business enterprises. His discernment was keen and his business associates learned to rely upon his judgment and advice.

Mr. Nolan passed away in Albany, May 31, 1905, at the age of seventy-two years, and was laid to rest in the family mausoleum in St. Agnes Cemetery. In religious belief he was a Catholic and was prominent in Catholic circles. In politics he was a democrat and received many high honors at the hands of his party. The welfare and advancement of his community were to him matters of deep and vital concern and he was a member of the board of fire commissioners for ten years during an important period of the city's history. From 1878 to 1883 he was mayor of Albany, capably administering the affairs of the municipality

for three terms, and while still serving was the popular choice for congressman, being elected to the forty-seventh congress March 4, 1881, to represent his district in the national halls of legislation. To each question brought before the house he gave his earnest consideration and his advocacy of a measure was an indication of his firm belief in its value as a factor in good government. Genial and companionable, Mr. Nolan enjoyed the social side of life and was a charter member of the Fort Orange Club. He admired fine horses, was for years a steward of the Saratoga Racing Association and owner of one of the best stables of jumpers in the country; many of his horses such as Bourke Cochran, Ballarat, Glenarm and Beverwyck achieved such fame that they are still spoken of today. Mr. Nolan also owned Cassius, Lavinia Belle, and Castaway 2nd, who were notable runners. In addition to his home in Albany, he had a beautiful estate, The Lawn, at Saratoga Springs, where he spent the summer months with his family. To his own exertions he owed his rise in the business world and was a self-made man in the fullest and best sense of the term. Kind-hearted and sympathetic, he generously shared his substance with others and gave large sums to worthy charities. His benefactions were unheralded and few men knew the good he did. His love for his city and for humanity was manifested in many ways and his nobility of character gained for him the high and enduring regard of all who were brought within the sphere of his influence.

In his home life Mr. Nolan was most happily situated. On the 8th of September, 1861, he married Anne Elizabeth Quinn, who was a daughter of James Quinn, of Albany, and her demise occurred in 1919. Like her husband, she devoted much time to philanthropic and civic work and was one of the organizers of the Saratoga Hospital and an active and liberal supporter of St. Peter's Hospital and St. Joseph's Church, both in Albany, as well as many private charities. Mr. and Mrs. Nolan were the parents of seven children: Maria Teresa, who married Edward H. Hawke, Jr., and died in 1906; Katherine, who died in infancy; Anne Elizabeth, who is Mrs. A. E. Haliday, of New York; Helen, who died

in infancy; Jane E., who is the wife of William Thornton Riddle, of Virginia, and resides in New York and Saratoga; Francis Joseph, who died in 1921; and Blanche Mary. The last named, who is the youngest of the children, resides in the family home, The Lawn, at Saratoga Springs and is prominent socially. Gentle and unselfish by nature, Miss Nolan has followed the example set by her parents in connection with charitable work, which claims a large share of her time, and one of her recent gifts was the beautiful new organ in St. Peter's Church at Saratoga Springs, donated to the church in memory of her brother, Frank J. Nolan.

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## CLARENCE COLLAMER SMITH

One of the outstanding figures in business and political activities in Saratoga county is Clarence C. Smith, manager of the Farmers Hardware Company, Inc., in Saratoga Springs, and incumbent, past and present, of a number of important public positions, including that of assemblyman. He was born in Wilton, Saratoga county, New York, October 7, 1883, his parents being Edgar J. and Mary Ella (Collamer) Smith, residents of Wilton, of which place the latter is a native. She is a daughter of Warren B. Collamer, who was the owner of the Collamer block in Saratoga Springs. Edgar J. Smith was born in Greenfield, Saratoga county, and is now living in retirement following a career of farming.

Clarence C. Smith received his education in the district school of Wilton and in the Saratoga high school, being graduated from the latter in 1903. He engaged in dairy farming in the town of Wilton until 1914, when he discontinued his farming operations to devote more of his attention to public affairs. In 1925 he became interested in the Farmers Hardware Company, Inc., and the following year he was made manager. Since 1911 he has been manager of the Collamer building, a large business and apartment building adjoining the city hall, in which the hardware business is housed. He is one of the most respected business men of

Saratoga county, and has always conducted his work along honorable and straightforward lines.

Mr. Smith has been extraordinarily active in political and public life, having always felt a keen interest in the welfare of his community. The most important service he has contributed was in the capacity of assemblyman. He was a member of the state assembly in the years 1919, 1920 and 1921 and served as a member of the committee on internal affairs, during which time a new system was inaugurated for the designating of improved roads that is still followed. Mr. Smith's first public office was that of deputy town clerk of Wilton, to which he was appointed in June, 1907, and then was regularly elected the same year and reelected in 1909. He was elected supervisor of Wilton in 1913 and was reelected twice without opposition, serving until he became a member of the assembly. He served as chairman of the roads committee of the board of supervisors, doing especially good work when he was instrumental in obtaining several modern roads for the county. It is interesting to record in this connection that Mr. Smith is of the third generation to serve as supervisor of Wilton, as both his father and his maternal grandfather, Warren B. Collamer, served in that office. He has been a member of the Saratoga Chamber of Commerce since its organization. He is a member of the Wilton Grange, and has been master for three terms. He has been secretary of the Saratoga County Pomona Grange Fair, and for seven years was a member of the Saratoga County Farm Bureau, of which he was secretary and active in securing the first and subsequent appropriations. He has displayed real efficiency in public office, consequently the people of the county have always been pleased to have him at the head of the various enterprises of interest to them.

Mr. Smith was married May 7, 1913, in Wilton, New York, to Nora L. Carr, who was born in Wilton and is a daughter of Sherman S. and Ella (Ellsworth) Carr. Sherman S. Carr, now living in retirement, was a farmer during his active years. His wife died in 1916. Mrs. Smith is well known in school and church affairs of Saratoga Springs and has served as district leader of

No. 3 School of the Parent-Teacher Association. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three daughters: Dorothy Helen, whose birth date was October 7, 1914; Ruth Ellen, born June 19, 1916; and Elizabeth Jane, born May 19, 1923. The family resides in the Collamer building.

During the World war period of 1917-18, Mr. Smith contributed his patriotic support to all local drives and war movements. His religious affiliation is with the First Methodist Church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M. He is also a member of the Young Men's Christian Association and the local Grange.

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## FRANK M. NOONAN

Rated among the leading younger lawyers of Saratoga county is Frank M. Noonan, who is engaged in general practice in Ballston Spa, with offices at 42 Front street, and is also attorney for the village in which he is located. He is a native of Gloversville, New York, where his birth occurred October 1, 1896, and is a son of David N. and Mary T. (Jones) Noonan. His father, born in Ballston Spa, was a merchant of standing, and died in 1918. Mary T. Noonan, who was born in Saratoga Springs, survives her husband.

Frank M. Noonan attended the grade and high schools, also Georgetown University, before taking up the preparation for his life's work at the Albany Law School. He was admitted to the bar of New York state in July, 1920. From 1919 until 1922 he was associated with the law firm of Leary & Fullerton in Saratoga Springs. In March, 1919, he formed a law partnership in Mechanicville with William T. Moore and James Noonan as Moore, Noonan & Moore, which arrangement existed until 1922, when the firm was changed to Moore & Noonan. In October, 1924, Mr. Noonan removed to Ballston Spa, where he has practiced alone to the present time. He has held the position of attorney for the village of Ballston Spa continuously since 1925, and

in the years 1925, 1927, 1928 and 1929 he served as field attorney for the Hudson River Regulating Board. He is a member of the Saratoga Bar Association. In his legal activities Mr. Noonan has observed the ethics of his profession with care, and in the conduct of the litigation which has been entrusted to him, he has displayed marked ability and thorough preparation for the vocation of his choice.

On September 25, 1922, Mr. Noonan was married to Marie T. Hladky, who was born in Saratoga Springs, a daughter of Joseph and Theresa Hladky, both of whom are natives of Austria and now residents of Saratoga Springs, New York, where the father is a shoe dealer. Mr. and Mrs. Noonan have two children, Nana Marie and Patricia Ann. The family residence is at 72 Church avenue in Ballston Spa.

Mr. Noonan's religion is the Roman Catholic. In politics he has given his support to the republican party, and in the interests of the party he has been an enthusiastic cooperator. He belongs to the American Legion, the Knights of Columbus, the Utopian Club and the Ballston Spa Country Club. While in college he became a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity.

In May, 1918, Mr. Noonan entered the officers training camp at Camp Colt, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and was given a commission as first lieutenant. He served with the tank corps first at Camp Colt and then at Camp Dix in New Jersey, remaining with this unit until his honorable discharge in December, 1919.

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## THOMAS J. FLANAGAN

Widely known as one of the most successful and popular hotel men of Saratoga county, New York, is Thomas J. Flanagan, proprietor of the Saratoga Inn and the Hotel Rip Van Dam in Saratoga Springs, two of the most up-to-date hostelries in this district. Mr. Flanagan was born February 2, 1879, in Malone, New York, and is a son of the late William F. and Bridget (Carroll) Flanagan. William F. Flanagan, born in Ireland, was a farmer by

occupation prior to his retirement; he died in 1887. His wife, likewise a native of Ireland, died in April, 1929.

Thomas J. Flanagan received his education in the district schools, but was compelled, through force of necessity, to abandon his studies when he was quite young and seek employment. He first became connected with the Saratoga Club in 1894, and remained there until 1907, and in this capacity he acquired much valuable training which has assisted him in his subsequent career. In the latter year, he became associated with the United States Hotel of Saratoga Springs as wine steward, a position he filled until 1917, at which time, having been thrifty through the preceding years, he was enabled to buy the old Holden House of Saratoga Springs, which he remodeled and made into the present Saratoga Inn. Then, in 1924, he purchased the American House, which he converted into the present Hotel Rip Van Dam. Under his skillful management these two hotels have become exceedingly popular with the traveling public, and are in every way a real advertisement to the community. The Hotel Rip Van Dam was named for Rip Van Dam, who received a grant of all of the property north of the Mohawk river from Queen Anne in 1708. He was the northernmost settler of all the old Dutch patroons. Mr. Flanagan has followed along progressive lines in the conduct of of his hotels, and caters to a discriminating class of trade. Only the best and most satisfactory service is rendered, and extraordinary care is taken that every desire of his guests is satisfied.

In Saratoga Springs, October 4, 1904, Mr. Flanagan was united in marriage to Miss Helen Frost, of Warrensburg, New York, a daughter of Calvin and Helen (Crandall) Frost, both of whom are now deceased. They were natives of Warrensburg. Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan, who make their home at the Saratoga Inn, have two children, namely: Helen Esther, who was born December 27, 1910, and is now attending St. Rose's College in Albany, New York; and William Joseph, born October 9, 1915, who is a student in the high school in Saratoga Springs.

During the World war period of 1917-18, Mr. Flanagan manifested his patriotism by participating in all the Liberty Loan

drives and other war-time activities in his home community. He is a devout communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, and politically he is a supporter of the democratic party. He holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Improved Order of Red Men, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, the Foresters, the Saratoga Club, the Rotary Club of Saratoga Springs, and the McGregor Golf Club.

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## HON. HENRY I. PATRIE

Hon. Henry I. Patrie, who in 1928 was elected to the state senate from the thirty-fifth district, has long figured prominently in public affairs of Dolgeville, Herkimer county, where he has resided continuously during the past thirty-seven years and is an active and successful representative of industrial interests as secretary and treasurer of the Dolgeville Slipper Company, Inc. He was born February 12, 1874, in Livingston, Columbia county, New York, which has been the birthplace and home of his forefathers on both sides of the family for several generations. His father, the late John H. Patrie, was a farmer and always made his home in Livingston, where he died. He was born February 6, 1840, the son of Henry I. and Amelia (Miller) Patrie and a grandson of John H. Patrie, an agriculturist of Livingston. The Patries were of German origin, while Amelia Miller came from a family of English descent. The mother of Henry I. Patrie was Marietta Gardner before her marriage to John H. Patrie. She was born March 5, 1847, her parents being Robert and Catherine (Rorabach) Gardner, likewise natives and residents of Livingston. The Gardners traced their ancestry back to one of the early Dutch Colonial families of the Empire state, while the Rorabach line, as the name indicates, originated in Germany. Henry I. Patrie, whose name introduces this article, has one brother, Robert Gardner Patrie, an attorney residing in Livingston, New York.

Henry I. Patrie spent his boyhood in Livingston and there



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obtained a good public school education, which he supplemented by a course in the Albany Business College, from which he graduated in the class of 1894. After leaving school Mr. Patrie came to Dolgeville to enter the employ of Alfred Dolge, with whom he remained as an accountant for four years. He then accepted the position of manager for the Hon. James D. Feeter, the receiver for the Dolgeville Electric Light & Power Company, and successfully managed this property up to the date of its sale, continuing in the same capacity with its successor, the Herkimer County Light & Power Company. In 1905 Mr. Patrie resigned this position to go to the Dolgeville Felt Shoe Company and has since remained with this concern, now the Dolgeville Slipper Company, Inc. He was promoted to his present position of secretary and treasurer and sales manager in January, 1907, and as such has had an influential part in directing the affairs of his company for the past quarter century. Outside of this firm Mr. Patrie has gained recognition as a business man of ability and sound judgment. His high standing in the esteem of prominent business men was well demonstrated when he was made receiver for the Dolgeville Telephone Company and the Dolgeville Savings, Building & Loan Association at the time Mr. Dolge's extensive affairs were being adjusted. He has also been a director of the First National Bank of Dolgeville ever since that institution was organized and now holds the official position of vice president. He is, moreover, a director of the Hubbard Heel Company of Dolgeville.

Fortunately for the community Mr. Patrie has not confined his activities to enterprises of a money-making nature, but has shown himself to be very public-spirited. He has served his village as trustee, member of the board of education, member of the board of the Dolgeville public library and as village president. During the period that the sewer system was being installed he was one of the sewer commissioners appointed by the village board to supervise this very important public improvement. His political affiliations are with the republican party and on that ticket he was elected to the state senate in 1928, fully justifying the faith and support of his constituents by his splendid record

in the law-making body. He was an alternate delegate to the national republican convention of 1928. During the World war Mr. Patrie was called upon to assist in many of the campaigns and war drives, in which connection his work in behalf of the Liberty loans and the raising of the War Chest funds is particularly worthy of mention in this place. Fraternally he is affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Dolgeville Lodge, No. 796, F. & A. M., of Dolgeville; Oriental Chapter, No. 305, R. A. M., of Dolgeville; Little Falls Commandery, No. 26, K. T., of Little Falls; Mohawk Valley Consistory, A. A. S. R., of Utica; and Ziyara Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Utica. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Ongawanda Club of Dolgeville and the Dolgeville Exchange Club, the Nicholas Stoner Country Club of Caroga, Fulton county, the Mohawk Valley Country Club of Herkimer and various other local organizations. He is also a member of the National Republican Club of New York city, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Dolgeville.

In Little Falls, New York, on the 17th of August, 1898, Senator Patrie was married to Miss Jennie A. Timmerman, who was born in the town of Manheim, Herkimer county, at Snells Bush, which was also the birthplace of her parents, Alvin and Lucy (Klock) Timmerman. Mr. and Mrs. Timmerman, who are deceased, were both of German extraction. Mrs. Patrie belongs to the First Presbyterian Church of Dolgeville, in whose work she takes an active part, and is also identified with Auskerada Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star at Dolgeville.

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## MRS. RACHEL JESSIE (VAN VECHTEN) VEDDER

Mrs. R. Jessie (Van Vechten) Vedder, historian for the town and village of Catskill and also for Greene county, has always lived in this part of the state and in both the paternal and maternal lines represents old and honored families of New York. Born in Leeds, Greene county, New York, September 29, 1859, she is a

daughter of Luke Kiersted and Nancy (Strong) Van Vechten, the former a native of Catskill, born August 24, 1817, and the latter of Durham, Greene county, New York, born July 17, 1818. They were married February 22, 1848, and Mrs. Nancy Van Vechten died January 20, 1903. The Van Vechtens were originally from Vechte, near Utrecht, Holland, and the genealogy of the family in that country dates back to the year 1200. Dirck Van Veghten, the American progenitor of the family, came to what was then Greenbush, New York, in 1638 in the ship "Arms of Norway" with his wife, child and two servants. He was the father of Dirck Teunis Van Veghten, who served as a captain with the colonial forces in 1686 and 1689. He and his two sons, Johannes and Teunis, Jr., were at Skenesborough. Teunis became a captain in 1702 and in 1713 his commission was renewed. Another Teunis fought in the French and Indian war of 1746, serving as first lieutenant of his company. Samuel Van Vechten, the great-grandfather of Mrs. Vedder, was commissioned captain by Cadwallader Colden in 1770. He was at Ticonderoga and Fort Edward and was the bearer of important dispatches. Mrs. Vedder's mother came of Scotch-English ancestry and was of royal lineage on both sides of the family. She was descended from Richard Strong, also known as Strachn and McStrahn, whose son John, born in 1605, sailed for America in the ship "Mary and John" in 1630, and was one of the founders of the town of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Thomas Strong, son of John and Abigail (Ford) Strong, was born in 1631 and in 1658 was a trooper at Windsor, Connecticut. His grandson, Eliakim Strong, became a lieutenant and his son, Eliakim Strong, Jr., was also a lieutenant of Durham, Connecticut, whence they removed to Durham, Greene county, New York, in 1793. Selah, a son of Eliakim Strong, Jr., was a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

R. Jessie Van Vechten pursued her education in the common schools and in Catskill Academy and has always resided in the vicinity of Leeds. On the 10th of January, 1884, she was married at Catskill to Henry Fiero Vedder, a native of Leeds, New York. He was a son of Henry Mosier and Rachel (Martin) Vedder and

a descendant of Aaron Vedder, of Schoharie, New York. Fraternally Henry F. Vedder was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He passed away November 12, 1915, leaving a widow and two children: Henry Martin, who married Mary Florence Blakelock and resides in Leeds; and Mabel Nancy, now Mrs. Stewart W. Parks, of South Leeds.

Mrs. Vedder has long been a faithful member of the Dutch Reformed Church and figures prominently in political circles of this part of the state as republican committeewoman in district No. 7, town of Catskill. In 1926 she organized On-ti-ora Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, of which she is now the regent, and on the 7th of February, 1929, she aided in forming and incorporating the Greene County Historical Society. She has been historian for the town and village of Catskill since 1919 and historian for Greene county since 1922, through appointment by the board of supervisors, discharging her duties with thoroughness and ability. A lifelong resident of Greene county, Mrs. Vedder is well informed upon matters pertaining to its history and has inherited the fine qualities of a long line of worthy ancestors, adding thereto the interest of her own personality.

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## HIRO JONES SETTLE

A citizen of fine repute and popularity in Ballston Spa, Saratoga county, New York, was the late Hiro Jones Settle, who was prominent in the insurance business here for many years, and also the holder of public office. He was born in Watertown, New York, September 22, 1875, a son of George and Anna Maria (Jones) Settle, and descended from Revolutionary stock. George Settle, born in the town of Knox, Albany county, January 17, 1843, was a son of Eli and Harriet Settle. For a long period he was associated with the Geyser Spa, and both he and his wife have passed away. The latter was born at Cohoes, New York, September 2, 1847, a daughter of Hiro and Ann M. Jones.

In the public schools of Ballston Spa, Hiro J. Settle acquired

his education, finishing his studies in the high school. Having received his diploma, he entered the employ of the Geyser Spa, in which, as noted above, his father held an interest. In 1899, he was appointed clerk of the public health commission of the state assembly by Representative Seelye, chairman of the committee and representative from Saratoga county. When his term in this position was finished, Mr. Settle purchased the insurance business of George R. Beach, and in this field of activity continued with outstanding success until ill health compelled him to retire to private life several years prior to his death, which occurred November 14, 1926. He was a director of the First National Bank of Ballston Spa for a number of years, and in business affairs in general was rightfully considered a sagacious and industrious participant. His business methods were honest in every phase, and no question as to his motives was ever raised.

Mr. Settle was married on January 29, 1916, to Miss Elizabeth Bolton, who was born in Lansingburg, New York, August 14, 1878, a daughter of Joseph and Sarah (McClenahan) Bolton. Her father was a native of England, and after coming to the United States he became a prominent brewer of Troy, New York. His wife was born in Lansingburg. Mr. and Mrs. Settle became the parents of one daughter, Sarah Anna, who was born in Ballston Spa, April 4, 1917, and is a student in the junior high school. Mrs. Settle and her daughter reside at 22 Columbia avenue in Ballston Spa. Mrs. Settle is well educated, having attended the schools of Troy, the Lasell Seminary of Auburndale, Massachusetts, and the Emma Willard School of Troy, New York. She holds membership in the Women's Club, in the Parent-Teacher Association and the auxiliary of the Benedict Memorial Hospital; and in the work connected with her church, the First Methodist, she has been a valued cooperator.

Hiro J. Settle took a patriotic part in the Liberty Loan drives and other local movements during the World war period of 1917 and 1918. He acted as special investigator of the New York state department of labor in 1916, and he also made a most commendable record during two terms' service as postmaster of

Ballston Spa. He gave his political support to the republican party, and his religious affiliation was with the Presbyterian Church. He was a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, also belonged to the Utopian Club, the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce. He is rememberd as one who never refused his assistance to public matters which he considered of merit and who always observed a democratic attitude toward his fellow citizens.

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## JOHN M. HASBROUCK, M. D.

Dr. John M. Hasbrouck is a representative and successful physician and surgeon of Rockland county who has been continuously engaged in practice at Garnerville during the past forty-seven years. He was born at Port Ewen, Ulster county, New York, on October 22, 1862, his parents being Dr. Josiah and Ellen J. (Blauvelt) Hasbrouck, more extended mention of whom is made in another part of this work in connection with the biography of his brother, Hon. Gilbert D. B. Hasbrouck, an attorney of Kingston and former justice of the supreme court of New York, who is a member of the advisory board named in connection with this "History of the Valley of the Hudson." Dr. Josiah Hasbrouck was born January 1, 1830, in Ulster county, where he was long classed with the leading physicians. To him and his wife were born four children, two of whom survive, Gilbert D. B. and John M.

The latter supplemented his public school education by a course of study at the Rockland College of Nyack and received his professional training in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1884. After practicing in association with his father at Port Ewen for a period of about six months, he came to Garnerville, which has remained the scene of his professional activities to the present time and where he has long enjoyed high standing as an able physician and skilled surgeon. He is a member of the

Rockland County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association, thus keeping conversant with the latest scientific researches and discoveries that have to do with the laws of health.

Dr. Hasbrouck gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has long figured prominently in civic affairs, having served for twenty years as president of the village of West Haverstraw and for thirty years in the capacity of health officer. He has also filled the office of county treasurer for one term and has performed valuable service in the interests of the cause of education as a member of the school board of Garnerville and treasurer of the school district for many years and also as a school inspector. He has been a director of the National Bank and Trust Company of Haverstraw since 1917. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Foresters, and his attractive social qualities are evidenced in his circle of friends, which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

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## AUBREY FILKIN PERRY

Among the influential citizens of Stillwater is numbered Aubrey Filkin Perry, who is engaged in the furniture and undertaking business on Main street. He was born in Schaghticoke, Rensselaer county, New York, October 14, 1888, a son of Howard F. Perry, who is a native of the same town and a progressive agriculturist. The mother, Sarah (Filkin) Perry, was likewise born in Rensselaer county and passed away in 1901.

Reared on the home farm, Aubrey F. Perry was a pupil in the district school of that locality and attended high school at Troy, New York. He was later graduated from the Barnes Embalming School of New York city, and his initial experience along the line of funeral directing was gained in the Schaghticoke establishment of Alexander Diver, with whom he spent two years. On the 1st of May, 1916, he purchased his present business, which

has shown a steady growth under his capable management. He has a modern funeral home, equipped to render the utmost in service, and in addition handles a complete line of furniture. This department of his business is also in a prosperous condition, due to his reasonable prices and fair dealing, and in his particular fields of activity he is the recognized leader in Stillwater.

Mr. Perry was married December 23, 1909, in Melrose, New York, to Miss Ethel May Robinson, a native of Tomhannock, this state, and a daughter of William and Catherine Robinson. The father, who was born in England, made farming his life work, and the mother died in 1919. Having no children of his own, Mr. Perry adopted his niece, Elizabeth M. Thompson, who is now a young lady of eighteen years. His Masonic affiliations are with Montgomery Lodge, No. 504, F. & A. M., and Montgomery Chapter, No. 257, R. A. M. He also has fraternal relations with the Elks and the Foresters and Mrs. Perry is identified with the Eastern Star. In religious belief Mr. Perry is a Methodist and his political support is given to the republican party. During the period of the World war he was active in the Liberty Loan campaigns and other drives instituted by the government at that time and is loyal and public-spirited in all matters of citizenship, while in business affairs he has ever been actuated by the spirit of progress.

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## REV. CHARLES HERGE, D. D.

Rev. Charles Herge, D. D., a well known clergyman of Fishkill, New York, is pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church, one of the oldest and most historic churches in the Hudson River Valley. Thousands come to gaze upon it, visualizing the stirring episodes of the Revolutionary war and the part this ancient church played in that memorable conflict. Founded in 1716, it was one of the most important churches in this region in the early days. A short distance to the east was the Episcopal Church, which was erected in 1767 and was the religious center of the very numerous

Episcopalian contingent of this part of the valley. The Dutch Reformed Church furthered the American cause, for in this historic shrine the Provincial Congress of New York met in 1776. After hostilities had assumed major proportions throughout almost the entire valley every available building was utilized for the housing of prisoners and the care of the wounded. The old Dutch Reformed Church, being the most spacious, was used as a prison for captured soldiers and bars were placed across the windows, remaining there until a relatively recent date. It is from this church that the celebrated spy, Enoch Crosby, who was imprisoned by the Committee of Safety and who figured in the writings of James Fenimore Cooper as Harvey Birch, managed to escape. At the same time the Episcopal Church was converted into a hospital for the care of the sick and wounded. In the old churchyard adjoining the Dutch Reformed Church are tombstones almost as old as the church itself and these the stranger can readily distinguish from the ones of more recent date by reason of their venerable appearance, distinctive construction and color. To the historian these old markers have interesting stories to tell, for here are buried heroes and heroines —brave pioneers and gallant soldiers. It naturally follows that Dr. Herge is called upon for many duties aside from purely pastoral ones, and as a historian of marked ability he finds his position filled with scholarly interest. He enjoys meeting the strangers who come here from afar and obliges them with the lore of old Fishkill and the historic sages of the venerable church of which he is the pastor.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Herge was born April 3, 1880, and is one of the three children of Henry and Catherine (Miller) Herge, the others being Henry J. and Margaret, the latter the wife of Rev. Charles F. N. Voeglin. Dr. Herge was a pupil in the public schools of Baltimore and after attending Bloomfield College pursued a course of study in New Brunswick Seminary. He was ordained in October, 1907, and his first charge was in North Paterson, New Jersey. He was next called to Jersey City, New Jersey, where he remained for five years, and in 1916

came to Fishkill as pastor of the Dutch Reformed Church. He capably administers its affairs and since taking charge here has raised and expended thousands of dollars in repairs on the church. A student of history and a lover of the shrines of the American Revolution, he has compiled much valuable matter bearing upon Fishkill's part in the struggle for American independence and the early development of the Hudson River Valley. His historical data are presented in an interesting and scholarly manner. He has been importuned by many to extend his researches to the original thirteen states of the Union and to publish a history of the original colonies.

Dr. Herge was married to Miss Louise Becht, who was a native of Newark, New Jersey, and in the death of his beloved wife in 1929 he sustained a great loss. She had become the mother of two sons: Norman F., who is connected with a bank in Newark, New Jersey; and Charles Malcolm, who is preparing to enter Syracuse University.

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## FRED DU BOIS

Fred Du Bois, supervisor for the town of New Paltz and a force for agricultural progress in the Hudson River Valley, was born April 19, 1881, on the home farm, Maple Knoll Farm, three miles from the village, and represents an old and highly respected family of Ulster county. He is a son of Garret L. Du Bois, who was born on the home place in Gardiner township, November 4, 1842, and attended the district school at Libertyville to the age of nineteen years. The father assisted in the cultivation and improvement of the home farm until his marriage to Sarah J. Hait on December 21, 1865. She was born July 4, 1841, a daughter of Elijah W. Hait, and departed this life May 8, 1876. She had become the mother of two children: Le Fevre, who was born October 26, 1866, and died July 15, 1867; and Rebecca, who was born July 15, 1867, and died October 20, 1870. Mr. Du Bois long survived his first wife, passing away in April, 1916, at the age



MR. AND MRS. FRED DU BOIS

of seventy-three years. On the 5th of June, 1878, he had married Miss Hannah Frances Constable, who was born in Orange county, New York, March 4, 1850, and was one of the six children of Abraham and Anna Eliza (Hadden) Constable. Her father, who was born in Orange county, New York, July 28, 1814, made farming his life work and the mother was born in Montgomery, that county, February 7, 1816. By his second wife Mr. Du Bois had seven children, of whom one died in infancy. The others are: Anna, who was born March 30, 1879, and lives in Poughkeepsie, New York; Fred; Laura, who was born April 14, 1883, became the wife of Ellsworth Buchanan, a native of Little Britain, Orange county, New York, and has four children, Ralph, Garret, Frances and Ellsworth; Frank, who was born September 28, 1886, and resides in Gardiner, Ulster county; Belle, who was born June 19, 1888, and resides in New Paltz; and Garret, Jr., born December 4, 1890. After attending a business college the last named studied dairying in Cornell University of Ithaca, New York, and is now identified with the Dairymen's League of New York city, in charge of the membership service department. He married Helen Bauer, whose parents were living in Ohio at the time of her birth but now make their home in New Paltz, and they have one child, Eugene Du Bois. The son, Frank Du Bois, is a dealer in milk and appraiser of tubercular cattle for the state of New York. He married Miss Grace Wilklow, a member of one of the old families of Lloyd, Ulster county, and their children are Evelyn and Marion.

Fred Du Bois completed his education in the Normal School at New Paltz and then resumed work on the homestead. He has always followed agricultural pursuits and his property, which comprises one hundred and seventy-eight acres of valuable land, is devoted to general farming, stockbreeding, the raising of poultry, and to dairying, operating a retail milk route in New Paltz. His equipment is modern throughout and all of the work is based upon system and science, productive of the best results. He has a model dairy and his son, Harold Du Bois, is in charge of this milk route. The father was president of the New Paltz Coopera-

tive, Inc., for eighteen months and is now a member of the advisory committee of the Cooperative New Paltz G. L. F. service. For a number of years he has been active in the affairs of Huguenot Grange, No. 1028, at New Paltz, representing the organization as master for five years. He has been a director of the Ulster County Fair Society for three years and is also its president, having been elected for a term of two years. In addition he is a director of the Ulster County Farm Bureau and a member of the state council of agriculture and markets. He likewise has membership in the Holstein-Friesian Association, the New York State Dairymen's Association, and on the 21st of January, 1931, at Albany he attended the ninety-ninth annual meeting of the State Agricultural Society, with which he has long been identified. Few residents of New York have played so important a part in movements for its agricultural development and prosperity as has Mr. Du Bois, who had the honor of being chosen one of the master farmers of the state in 1929.

On the 16th of October, 1901, Mr. Du Bois was married to Miss Anna F. Buchanan, a daughter of Adam G. Buchanan, now deceased, and they became the parents of six children, of whom Albert died at the age of nine years. Harold F., born May 30, 1906, is residing on the home farm. In 1926 he married Miss Alice Kortright, a native of New Paltz and a daughter of Irving Kortright. They now have a son, Robert Harold, born on March 21, 1928. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Du Bois are: Clarence Ward, who was born October 16, 1909, and attended Cornell University; Fred Hadden, who was born July 12, 1911, and is in high school; Anna Elizabeth, born January 5, 1916; and also in high school; and Gerald Elmer, who was born May 25, 1922, and is a grammar school pupil.

Formerly Mr. Du Bois was a deacon of the Dutch Reformed Church, in which he is now serving for the second term as elder. When the present house of worship in New Paltz was erected his father became one of its first pew holders and for many years members of the family have been generous contributors toward the support of the church. Mr. Du Bois is a member of the ex-

ecutive committee of the Ulster County Tubercular Hospital and his cooperation can always be counted upon in the furtherance of public projects of worth. For eight years he was township assessor and since April 10, 1930, has occupied the office of supervisor, having been appointed to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Eugene Van Wagenen. Mr. Du Bois has ever been found in the vanguard of those who are striving to further the general good and is a man of marked public spirit, clear vision and high principles, esteemed and respected by all who have been brought within the sphere of his influence.

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## ALBERT K. BRAIM

Among the young lawyers who have in the past established themselves in practice in Saratoga county, few have indicated more promise than Albert K. Braim, who is now a member of the Saratoga Springs bar, with offices at 432 Broadway. Mr. Braim was born in Greenfield, Saratoga county, New York, November 22, 1903, and is a son of Henry G. and Margaret (Sesselman) Braim, who are now residents of that community, where the father is the proprietor of the Greenfield Nursery Gardens. Henry G. Braim was born in Germany, a son of John Braim, who was prominent in the grist mill industry in the fatherland. Margaret S. Braim was also born in Germany.

Albert K. Braim began his education in the public schools, and while a sophomore in the Saratoga Springs high school he first began to study law with the legal firm of Schwarte, Slade, Harrington & Goldsmith. Following his graduation from high school in 1921, he entered the Albany Law School, which institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1924, when he was twenty years of age. The strong initiative and energy which have characterized Mr. Braim's subsequent career were manifested during his school years in the number of activities in which he engaged. While he was attending high school in Saratoga Springs, he was captain of the sophomore baseball

team; treasurer of the sophomore class; manager of the junior class baseball team; assistant manager of the varsity baseball team; and publicity and financial manager of athletics during his junior and senior years. He was likewise captain of the team selling the greatest number of war savings stamps; chairman of the committee in charge of the motion picture benefit for the recreation field; and winner of the senior prize essay contest. He graduated third in his class. At the Albany Law School, he was treasurer of the freshman class; chairman of the executive committee in charge of all class affairs during his junior year; member of the Sigma Tau Delta fraternity; and in his senior year was elected a member of the Chancery Society, an honorary organization. During the last two years at Albany, he received an appointment in the revision department of the state senate, where he acquired practical experience of the utmost benefit.

Following his graduation from the Albany Law School, Mr. Braim went to New York city, where he entered the law department of the Guaranty Title & Trust Company. In this capacity he remained for eight months and then became associated with the offices of Wood & Visel, attorneys for the Interborough Transit Company, where he remained for six months. At the expiration of this period he returned to Albany, became adjuster for the Employers' Liability Insurance Company, and also was connected with the law offices of Benjamin P. Wheat, formerly of the renowned firm of Brackett, Todd, Wheat & Wait. Then in July, 1926, he came to Saratoga Springs, and was first located in the children's courtroom in this city. He was admitted to the state bar in May, 1927, before the appellate division of the supreme court, and thereafter formed a legal partnership with Patrick J. Keniry, of Albany, who is now city attorney in Mechanicville, New York. Mr. Braim is specializing to a large extent in negligence and real estate practice, and has conducted a number of cases of prime importance in these fields. He was interested in the promotion and development of Woodlawn Oval and other tracts of land. He is a member of the Saratoga County and the New York State Bar Associations.

In Saratoga Springs, on the 24th of April, 1930, Mr. Braim was married to Miss Geraldine Lyons of Corinth, New York, a daughter of Edward and Lillian (Noble) Lyons. Edward Lyons, who was born in Cohoes, New York, is a former professional baseball player of note, and known in sports as "Dolly" Lyons; he is former chief of the Corinth fire department, and is now connected with the commissary department of the International Paper Company. His wife was born in Whitehall, New York.

Mr. Braim is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church, and a member of the Knights of Columbus. His political support has been given to the republican party. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. During his residence in Saratoga Springs he has shown a strong inclination to cooperate in local civic affairs, and has won many friends by his gracious attitude toward his fellow townsmen.

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## CHARLES WINFIELD PILGRIM, M. D.

Dr. Charles Winfield Pilgrim, a distinguished physician and psychiatrist whose services in connection with the state hospital system of New York extended over a period of nearly forty years, is now conducting a private sanitarium at Central Valley, in the town of Monroe, which is proud of his record as one of its native sons. He was named for Hon. Charles H. Winfield, congressman for many years. His parents, Roe C. and Frances (Wilkes) Pilgrim, were natives of Orange county and members of old and prominent families of this part of the state.

Dr. Pilgrim was born March 27, 1855, and attended schools in Orange county and Jersey City, also receiving instruction from private tutors. His professional education was obtained in the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, a part of New York University, from which he received the M. D. degree in 1881, and later he spent about a year and a half in the leading hospitals and clinics of Vienna, Munich and Berlin, studying abroad in 1885, 1886 and 1889. Dr. Pilgrim was an interne in Bellevue Hospital of

New York city for the regular period of eighteen months immediately after receiving his degree in medicine, and then began his work in psychiatry at the State Asylum for Insane Criminals in Auburn, New York, where he remained for about a year. In 1882 he was appointed an assistant physician in the State Asylum at Utica, New York, where he advanced through the various grades until he attained the rank of assistant superintendent, and in February, 1890, resigned to become superintendent of the State Hospital at Willard, New York. His exceptional capacities and powers as a physician and an organizer were soon demonstrated at Willard by notable improvements in the medical and administrative work at that institution. His constructive work there attracted the attention of the managers of the Hudson River State Hospital at Poughkeepsie, New York, and in May, 1893, he was appointed superintendent of that institution, thus continuing until April, 1906, when Governor Higgins requested him to assume the duties of chairman of the state hospital commission, with the understanding that he should return to the Hudson River State Hospital as its superintendent, if at the end of a year he desired to do so. Finding the duties of a commissioner less attractive than those of a hospital superintendent, Dr. Pilgrim resigned his office at the expiration of the year and returned to the State Hospital at Poughkeepsie. There he rendered highly efficient service until September, 1916, when he was again called to Albany as chairman of the state hospital commission, receiving his appointment from Governor Whitman, and served in that capacity with marked ability until his resignation in December, 1921.

Dr. Pilgrim has carried his researches and investigations far and wide into the realms of medical science and his contributions to the literature of his profession have been notable. From 1882 until 1890 he was associate editor of the American Journal of Insanity, and was also associate editor of "The Institutional Care of the Insane in the United States and Canada," published in 1921 under the direction of Dr. Henry M. Hurd of Johns Hopkins University. Prior to his resignation he was a member of the editorial

staff of The State Hospital Quarterly for many years. He has written many articles on psychiatry and kindred subjects, among which may be mentioned "Acute Lobar Pneumonia With Cardiac Failure," "The Advantages and Dangers of Intra-Uterine Injections," "A Case of Epileptic Insanity With Echo-Sign Well Marked," "A Case of Spontaneous Rupture of the Heart," "Pyromania (so-called) With Report of Case," "A Visit to Gheel," "Mental Disturbances Following Puerperal Eclampsia," "A Study of Suicide," "Schools for the Insane," "Genius and Suicide," "Does the Loco Weed Produce Insanity," "Communicated Insanity," "Suicide and Insanity," "Care and Treatment of the Insane in the State of New York," "The Proper Size of Hospitals for the Insane," "The Study of a Year's Statistics," "Old Age and Its Psychoses," etc.

Throughout his long career as a physician and psychiatrist in the state hospital service Dr. Pilgrim always sought to elevate the standard of medical and nursing care of the insane and with that object in view he has systematically endeavored to promote scientific interest in psychiatry on the part of the state hospital staffs. As a commissioner he consistently supported the Psychiatric Institute as a highly important part of the educational work of the state hospital system, and encouraged the younger physicians in the service to avail themselves of the opportunities it offers for their improvement by attending the courses of instruction it provides. Dr. Pilgrim was a pioneer in the development of out-patient departments in connection with the state hospitals and was one of the earliest and strongest advocates of the mental clinic and social service work of these departments. He has urged the extension of the parole system for suitable insane patients, and was a potent factor in securing the adoption by the state hospital development commission of a resolution declaring that social service workers should be provided in each hospital in the proportion of one for each hundred patients on parole. His superior ability and wide acquaintance have led to his employment in many medico-legal cases. When he retired from the office of commissioner the state hospitals suffered a great loss, which was felt not only

by officers and employes, but by a large number of patients who had learned to appreciate his kindly interest and unfailing aid. After resigning from the state hospital commission Dr. Pilgrim returned to Monroe and purchased the McDonald House, converting it into a private sanitarium. He has since devoted the greater part of his time to the care of the patients it shelters and has made this one of the best institutions of the kind in the state. He is also interested in financial affairs and has served as vice president of the Poughkeepsie Trust Company for many years.

On the 12th of June, 1888, Dr. Pilgrim was married to Miss Florence Middleton, a daughter of Robert Middleton, who was the owner of the Globe Woolen Mills at Utica, New York. To this marriage was born a daughter, Florence, now the wife of Dr. Theodore W. Neumann, who is Dr. Pilgrim's assistant. Dr. Neumann was born in New York city and obtained his M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to his professional work he has business and financial connections, being a director of the bank at Central Valley and also of the Building and Loan Association. He is a member of the fire company of the town of Woodbury and his interest in educational matters is manifest as county school director. Dr. and Mrs. Neumann have three children: Florence V., Charles P. and Theodore W., Jr.

Liberal and broad-minded, Dr. Pilgrim is identified with no political faction and votes as his judgment dictates. An Episcopalian in religious belief, he is one of the vestrymen of Christ Church at Poughkeepsie and also has membership in the church of that denomination at Highland Mills. Fraternally he is a Mason and along social lines he has connection with the Lotus Club of New York city. He is a member of the Alumni Association of the Bellevue Hospital Medical College and has occupied important offices in the various professional organizations to which he belongs. He has served as vice president of the New York Psychiatrical Society and in 1911 was elected president of the American Psychiatric Association, in which he has been accorded a fellowship. He is also a fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and a member of the Dutchess County Medical

Society, which he represented as president in 1911. His mastery of mental phenomena, his wide experience and noteworthy success in the treatment of the insane have placed him with the foremost psychiatrists of the country, and Pilgrim Hospital on Long Island, the largest institution of the kind in the world, was named for him.

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## PINCUS MARGULIES

Pincus Margulies has been successfully engaged in business at Ladentown as proprietor of a general store for more than a quarter of a century and has also long figured actively in civic affairs of his community, having served as justice of the peace for the past six years and as republican county committeeman for the past twenty-two years. He was born in Germany on the 10th of May, 1879, his parents being Abraham and Martha (Happ) Margulies, natives of Russia and Germany, respectively. Abraham Margulies emigrated to the United States and in 1882 sent for his wife and sons. He carried on business as a merchant of New York city until his death, which occurred in 1922. For two decades he had survived his wife, who passed away in 1902. They were the parents of two sons: Pincus, of this review; and Max, who died in 1917.

Pincus Margulies acquired a public school education in New York city, where he subsequently obtained employment with the Jones Company, active in the installation of bank fixtures. With this concern he continued for a period of eleven years in the capacity of "outside man," superintending the work of the installing crew. It was in 1904 that he embarked in business on his own account at Ladentown, Rockland county, where he has since been engaged in the conduct of a general store and has built up a patronage of extensive and profitable proportions. He carries a large and well selected stock of merchandise, does everything in his power to meet the wishes of his customers and is thoroughly dependable and straightforward in all his dealings.

In November, 1902, Mr. Margulies was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Stern and to them have been born five children, three daughters and two sons, as follows: Martha, Blanche and Hazel, all of whom are graduates of the State Normal School at Oneonta, New York; Harold, who is in the employ of the Rockland Light & Power Company as a draftsman and engineer; and Max, who is attending school. Of the above named, Blanche is the wife of Sidney Weiss, residing in Haverstraw, and Martha is the wife of Edward J. Adler of Garnerville.

A stanch republican, Mr. Margulies has long been an active worker in the local ranks of the party and is widely recognized as a progressive, enterprising and public-spirited citizen. As stated above, he has filled the office of justice of the peace during the past six years and has also served as republican county committeeman for a period of twenty-two years. A worthy exemplar of the teachings and purposes of the Masonic fraternity, he belongs to Stony Point Lodge, No. 313, F. & A. M.; and Hudson Valley Chapter, R. A. M., of Haverstraw. He is also affiliated with the Improved Order of Red Men. Of the Hebraic faith, he has membership in the Jewish temples at Haverstraw and Spring Valley.

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## CLAYTON RYDER

For a half century Clayton Ryder has been actively engaged in the practice of law at Carmel, Putnam county, and has long stood in the front rank of the able and successful attorneys of this section of the valley. As president of the Putnam County National Bank, he is also prominently identified with the financial interests of this county and is one of its most influential citizens. He was born on the 8th of February, 1860, at Carmel, in a house, now demolished, which stood on or near the site of the present Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a son of Ambrose and Mary M. (Hillyer) Ryder. John Ryder, great-great-great-grandfather of Clayton Ryder, was born at Newtown, Long Island, and moved to Tuckahoe, Westchester county, in 1728. By occupation he was



Clayton Ryder

a farmer. His son, John Ryder, born in 1732, moved to Putnam county and married Sarah Sprague, whose family was established in this vicinity as early as 1725. Eleazer Ryder, son of John and Sarah (Sprague) Ryder, was born November 5, 1764. He married Mary Coe, daughter of Samuel and Jane (Field) Coe and granddaughter of Samuel Field, who was the first settler on Dingle Ridge in 1732. In 1795, Eleazer and Mary (Coe) Ryder moved on the Ryder homestead, which is now incorporated and owned by their descendants. Their third child, Stephen Ryder, was born in 1794 and served in the militia with the rank of colonel. He married Betsey Nichols, a daughter of Gould and Sarah (Treadwell) Nichols and a descendant of many old New England families, among her forbears being Lieutenant Governor Nathan Gold, Jehu Burr, Edward Treadwell and Francis Bradley. Ambrose Ryder, son of Stephen and Betsey (Nichols) Ryder, was born March 5, 1826, was a graduate of Williams College and became a well known lawyer. He served as county judge for three terms. His death occurred April 9, 1892. Ambrose Ryder married Mary Miranda Hillyer, whose ancestry is traced to John Hillyer, who established his home in Connecticut in 1639. She was descended from numerous prominent old New England families, among her ancestors being George Hayes (who was also a forbear of President Hayes) and Matthew Grant, ancestor of General U. S. Grant. Ambrose and Mary Miranda (Hillyer) Ryder were the parents of four children, as follows: Hillyer, born in 1850, who served as county treasurer of Putnam county and passed away in 1928; Clayton, of this review; Stephen, who resides with his family in Carmel; and Mary Grace, who was born in 1863 and died in 1901. Of the above named, Stephen Ryder married Annie Louise Cooper of Tompkins county, New York, and has four children: Ambrose, Leland, Gertrude and Hillyer.

Clayton Ryder received his early educational training in public and private schools of Carmel and afterward spent the year 1875-76 at the Hudson River Institute of Claverack, while subsequently he entered Cornell University, from which institution he was graduated on the 19th of June, 1879. He took up the study of

law in his father's office and completed his professional training during 1880-81 at the Columbia Law School in New York city. In the latter year he was admitted to the bar as an attorney, and on September 14, 1882, at the Brooklyn general term, he was admitted as a counselor. He at once entered upon the work of his chosen profession at Carmel, succeeding to the practice of his father, and during the subsequent years has been successful as a lawyer. He has always been accorded a large and important clientele and has appeared as counsel in many of the most noted cases tried in the courts of this section of the state over a long period of years. On the 28th of April, 1892, following the death of his father, Mr. Ryder was elected to the presidency of the Putnam County National Bank and for nearly forty years he has been a large factor in the steady growth and prosperity of that institution.

On July 31, 1888, Mr. Ryder was united in marriage to Mrs. Carrie (Holcombe) Cornwell, the widow of Dr. Henry G. Cornwell, of Columbus, Ohio, and a daughter of Alexis E. and Jane Grey (Breckenridge) Holcombe. Mrs. Ryder, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri, who was born in Richmond, Indiana, August 6, 1859, was descended from Thomas Holcombe and Begat Eggleston, of Dorchester and Windsor, 1635; John Pettibone, Windsor, 1658; James Breckenridge, of Palmer, Massachusetts, 1727; George Morton and Thomas Clark, of Plymouth, 1623; Andrew Ring, of Plymouth, 1629; John Lothrop, of Scituate, 1634; Stephen Hopkins, of the Mayflower, 1620; Robert Stetson and Anthony Dodson, of Scituate, 1633; Thomas Foster, of Boston, 1634; Thomas Chillingworth, early of Marshfield, and other families of Wanzer, Olmstead, Sherwood, Mosely, Campbell, Ferris, Marshall, Newell, Fisher, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder are the parents of three children. Earle Ambrose, born June 9, 1890, married Miss Mildred Granger and they have two children, Theodore and Margaret Elizabeth. Morton, born October 1, 1894, who is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Rye, Westchester county, married Miss Anne Brake and they have three children: Clayton, Constance and Diane. Willis Holcombe, born April 23, 1896, is

now engaged in the practice of law in association with his father. During the World war he served overseas for seventeen months with the artillery, going in as a second lieutenant and being successively promoted to first lieutenant and captain. In December, 1929, he was married to Miss Dorothy Eastman, member of an old and prominent family.

Clayton Ryder has been active in public affairs for many years and has always measured fully up to the demands of every position filled by him. At the time of the World war he served as chairman of the selective service appeals board for the southern district of New York. In 1915 he was a member of the state constitutional convention, and he served as United States referee in bankruptcy from 1898 to 1926. He is a director, trustee and the treasurer of Drew Seminary for Young Women and is president of the Carmel Country Club. Along strictly professional lines Mr. Ryder is affiliated with the Putnam County Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association.

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## WALTER H. HOFFMANN

Walter H. Hoffmann, a member of the firm of Hoffmann Brothers, automobile dealers and garage owners, is a representative of the younger generation of business men to whom Mount Vernon looks for its future growth and progress. He was born in this city on the 14th of February, 1905, and is a son of Karl and Margaret (Stadelmeier) Hoffmann. The father came to this country from Germany, locating in New York city, and two years later removed to Mount Vernon, where he has since made his home. In his native land he learned the trade of a tinsmith, which he followed throughout his active business career, and is now enjoying a well earned rest. He has seven sons and three daughters. Karl E., the oldest, is engaged in the real estate business, is secretary of the civil service organization at Mount Vernon and is prominently identified with the Mount Vernon Repub-

lican Club. William F., the second son, succeeded his father as head of the business at 144 North Eighth avenue. In 1926 he was married to Miss Elsa Brehm, of Yonkers, New York, and they have one child, William F., Jr. The other members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Hoffmann are G. Albert, Herman L., Edward A., Walter H., Robert, Lillian, Marion and Dorothy.

After leaving school Walter H. Hoffmann worked for four years at Tuckahoe, New York, and in February, 1925, joined his brothers, G. Albert, Herman L. and Edward A., in the automobile business at 543 East Third street, Mount Vernon. Later they became local distributors of the Moon and Diana cars and in 1926 acquired the Auburn agency, which they have since retained. In the spring of 1930 they took over the garage built by their father at 34 North Bond street, utilizing the structure for storage, repairing and servicing, and in May, 1931, leased the present showroom on Gramatan avenue, where they have ample space for displaying the full Auburn line. The firm of Hoffmann Brothers is composed of energetic, capable business men whose combined efforts have made this one of the leading institutions of the kind in the city in which it is operated.

In 1926 Walter H. Hoffmann was married to Miss Meta Klenen, a native of Mount Vernon and a daughter of Fred Klenen. A son, Walter H., Jr., has been born to them. Fraternally Mr. Hoffmann is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and in politics he is a republican.

G. Albert Hoffmann attended the public schools of Mount Vernon, his native city, and his first position was with a manufacturing concern. Later he turned his attention to automobile repair work, continuing as an employe until 1916, when he entered that field of activity independently at 98 West Lincoln street. His next location was at 125 North Tenth street and afterward he removed to Third street, at which time the firm of Hoffmann Brothers came into existence, and in the affairs of this organization he is a forceful figure. He takes a keen interest in politics and is a member of the Republican Club of Mount Vernon. In 1922 he was married to Miss Helen Pfeiffer, a daughter of Peter

J. Pfeiffer, of New York city, and their children are G. Albert, Jr., and Robert.

Herman L. Hoffmann, born in Mount Vernon in 1903, pursued his studies in the local schools and then became associated with his father in the work of tinsmithing, remaining in his shop until 1922, when he started to learn automobile repairing. With a natural bent for mechanical pursuits, he soon became thoroughly conversant with that line of work and in 1925 entered the automobile business in partnership with his brothers, making his knowledge and experience effective factors in the development of the firm's interests. He was married in 1926 and has one child, Carol.

Edward A. Hoffmann, the fourth and youngest member of the firm of Hoffmann Brothers, was born in June, 1907, and obtained a public school education. He resides with his parents and, like his brothers, he has ever followed a course which reflects credit upon an honored family name.

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## HERBERT T. BAUMGARTNER

Well known and highly reputed in insurance affairs of Saratoga county, New York, is Herbert T. Baumgartner, of Ballston Spa, who is the local representative of the Berkshire Life Insurance Company and also conducts a general line of insurance business. He was born in Watertown, Wisconsin, July 11, 1897, and is a son of T. F. and Ida (Heimiller) Baumgartner, who also now reside in Ballston Spa. The father, a native of Germany, was a farmer during his active career but has now retired to private life. His wife was born in Albany, New York.

Herbert T. Baumgartner attended the grade and high schools, and then for about one year was in the lumber business. In 1923 he entered life insurance work, and in the intervening years until the present he has built a most satisfactory clientele. As noted, he represents the Berkshire Life Insurance Company in this field but also does a general insurance business. His office is at 36 Front street in Ballston Spa.

In October, 1929, in Ballston Spa, Mr. Baumgartner was united in marriage to Catherine Doherty, of this city, a daughter of Patrick and the late Sarah (Breslin) Doherty. Patrick Doherty is a native of England, and is now retired; his wife was born in New York state, and passed away in January, 1929.

Mr. Baumgartner gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is widely recognized as a public-spirited, enterprising and progressive citizen. He served as tax collector of Ballston Spa from 1919 until 1925. He is a member of the local Rotary Club and the Ballston Spa Country Club. Mrs. Baumgartner is likewise active in the latter organization, and has been much interested in girl scout work. Both are very popular in social circles of Ballston Spa and are considered representative citizens in every respect.

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## JAMES MONROE HASTINGS, D. D. S.

Dr. James Monroe Hastings, a prominent dentist of Saratoga Springs and a successful practitioner with a background of thirty-three years of practical experience in the profession, was born in Owego, Tioga county, New York, January 21, 1875. His father, James M. Hastings, Sr., a native of Speedsville, New York, engaged in the dry goods business for many years. He passed away in 1922 and had long survived his wife, Persis Gertrude (Jenks) Hastings, whose demise occurred in 1875.

Dr. Hastings acquired his high school education in the Empire state and in preparation for the profession of his choice matriculated in the University of Pennsylvania, which awarded him the degree of D. D. S. in 1898. After his graduation he located in Saratoga Springs and in years of continuous activity is one of its oldest dentists. His office is centrally located in the Arcade at 374 Broadway and the extent of his practice is indicative of the confidence reposed in his knowledge and skill.

On the 1st of January, 1901, Dr. Hastings was married in Owego, New York, to Miss Cora Belle Livermore, a daughter of

Cyrus B. Livermore, a well known dry goods merchant, who passed away in that city in 1910. The mother, who was a Miss Lull, was born in Newark Valley, New York, and is also deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Hastings have three children. The eldest, Harold Hunt Hastings, married Miss Marion Steenberg, of Saratoga Springs, in 1925 and is now a heating engineer in the employ of the New York Power & Light Company. The daughter, Marion L. Hastings, became the wife of Dr. Reinhold Hertzberg, of Stamford, Connecticut, in 1924 and they have three children, Reinhold, Jr., Robert and James. Mrs. Hertzberg is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. James Nelson Hastings was graduated from the Saratoga high school and Temple University of Philadelphia and is connected with the Glens Falls Insurance Company.

In the work of the New England Congregational Church, Dr. Hastings is deeply interested and has been clerk of the church for a number of years. He votes with the republican party but has never sought political office, although he conscientiously discharges the duties and obligations of citizenship, and during the World war participated in the Liberty Loan and other drives. Fraternally he is a Mason, identified with Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M. His professional connections are with the New York State Dental Society, the Fourth District Dental Society and the American Dental Association. He has equipped his office with the latest appliances in dentistry, and with progress as his watchword, he keeps in close touch with the most recent scientific discoveries relative to the care and preservation of the teeth.

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## ANDREW SCHNEIDER

As a caterer, retail baker and confectioner, Andrew Schneider figures prominently in the business life of Troy, New York, which numbers him among its influential citizens and self-made men. Born in Wurtemberg, Germany, November 24, 1878, he is a son of Andrew and Francisca Schneider, who were lifelong residents of that country. They were the parents of five children: Kath-

erine, now deceased; Marie, John and Joseph, who live in Germany; and Andrew.

The last named, the youngest of the children and the only member of the family to emigrate to the United States, crossed the Atlantic in June, 1894, and at once proceeded to Troy to join relatives who had previously settled here. For a short time he attended the public schools of the city and at the age of fifteen started to work for George Lucas, a baker and confectioner, who had located at 12 Second street in 1863. Some years later the business was sold to J. F. Halla, with whom Mr. Schneider continued as an employe until July 1, 1920, when he became the proprietor of the establishment, and in 1925 bought the three-story structure on Second street, where the business has always been situated, purchasing the building from the Rand estate. The store and factory occupy the entire ground floor, while the two upper floors are utilized for apartments. The original style of the Lucas Confectionery has been retained by Mr. Schneider, who is well known not only in this part of New York state but also in Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts as a caterer for dinners, receptions and banquets. He also conducts a large retail business, selling the choicest of bakery goods and confectionery, together with a large variety of plain and fancy ice creams, at his Second street store, and has eleven people in his employ. Wisely and capably managing his business, Mr. Schneider has progressed far in his chosen fields of labor and is also a stockholder in the Hendrick Hudson Hotel and Garage.

On the 19th of November, 1903, Mr. Schneider was married to Miss Dora Will, a daughter of Andrew and Eva Will, who are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider occupy one of the apartments over his store and both are prominent in the social life of the city. During the period of the World war Mr. Schneider served on various local committees and thus aided in promoting the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. In religious faith he is a Catholic and is active in the work of St. Joseph's Society of the Church of St. Lawrence. He also belongs to Schiller Court of the Foresters of America, to the Benevolent and Protective Order of

Elks, the Troy Automobile Club, the Troy Maennerchor, a singing society, and is one of the energetic members of the Chamber of Commerce who are pushing forward the wheels of progress in this city. With no advantages at the outset of his career, Mr. Schneider has demonstrated what may be accomplished by the man who has the will and the courage to dare and to do and is esteemed for the sterling qualities to which he owes his success.

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## HENRY PARISI

Coming to Mount Vernon when a young man of twenty years, Henry Parisi has progressed with the city, which numbers him among its wholesale grocers and foremost merchants. He was born at Ottajano, in the province of Naples, Italy, March 11, 1890, and is a son of Angelo and Irene (Ugliano) Parisi. In the schools of his native land he pursued his education until he reached the age of fourteen and in 1907 came to the United States, locating in Port Chester, New York. There he obtained employment with the New York & Stamford Railroad and remained with the company until 1910, when he removed to Mount Vernon. Through industry and the exercise of self-denial he accumulated the sum of two hundred dollars and with this capital embarked in the retail grocery business June 13, 1912, in association with Tony Leggieri. They started at 418 North Terrace street, Mr. Leggieri furnishing the experience, but at the end of six months the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Parisi took over the business in order to save his two hundred dollars. In 1913 he turned over the business to his brother, Louis Parisi, and went to New York city, where he spent thirteen months as a motorman on the Third Avenue street car line. Due to an accident, which was the turning point in his career, he resigned and returned to his business, which was prospering and needed his immediate attention. The wholesale business of Parisi Brothers was then established and has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth. The enterprise was conducted at the original location until 1919,

when the building at 57 Mount Vernon avenue was leased, and in the following year this structure was purchased by the firm. They still own that property and in 1924 erected their present building at 59 Mount Vernon avenue. In 1925 Michael, Frank and Tony Parisi became stockholders in the business, which they represent as salesmen. Frank Parisi is also vice president of the firm of Parisi Brothers, while Henry Parisi occupies the offices of secretary and treasurer, and Louis Parisi is serving as president. They carry a fine stock of domestic and imported food products and draw their trade from a wide area. The partners are young men of enterprise and ability and theirs is one of the largest wholesale grocery houses in this part of the Hudson River Valley.

Henry Parisi, the founder of the business, also owns stock in the Mount Vernon Trust Company and the Jefferson Title & Mortgage Company and is a director of both organizations. He is likewise a director of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Kiwanis Club. He belongs to Alba Lodge, No. 891, of the Masonic order and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. Alert to his opportunities, he has converted them into tangible assets and is esteemed for the sterling qualities that have made possible his success.

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## MARTIN J. DEWITT

For the past thirty years Martin J. DeWitt has held important positions with the Borden estate at Wallkill, Ulster county, and is regarded as a man of marked ability, reliable traits and sterling integrity. He was born at Eddyville, Ulster county, on the 22d of March, 1875, and is a son of Charles and Alida (Houghtaling) DeWitt, the latter of whom was of Dutch ancestry. Mr. DeWitt's paternal descent is from Dutch ancestors, who were among the earliest settlers in the Hudson River Valley, coming here in 1650, and the great-great-granduncle of Mr. DeWitt was a soldier of the Revolutionary war. Mr. DeWitt



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attended the public schools in his youth and received a good business training. Later he learned the trade of a plumber, which line of work he followed for a few years. He then went to work for the Lawrence Cement Company as paymaster and purchasing clerk, which position he held for two years, after which he was employed as an accountant in a hat factory. In 1902 he came to the Borden estate at Wallkill as private secretary and financial man, in which capacity he is still serving, being one of the most valued employes of that estate.

On June 28, 1900, Mr. DeWitt was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Traver, a daughter of Rev. Van Ness and Eleanor C. (Cain) Traver, of Dutchess county, this state. Mrs. DeWitt is a sister of Hon. Frederick G. Traver of Kingston, judge of the Ulster county court. To them were born two children, Charles V. N., who is a graduate of Cornell University and is now employed as an electrical engineer in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Theodora, who died in infancy. Mr. DeWitt is a republican in his political views and belongs to the Dutch Reformed Church. He is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons; the Mendelssohn Club, at Kingston, Ulster county, and the Osiris Country Club, at Wallkill. He has taken an active interest in the civic affairs of his community, having served for ten years as president of the school board and many years as trustee of the public library. He is a man of high ideals, stands for those things which contribute to the public welfare and has well earned the high place which he holds in public esteem.

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## THOMAS A. COOKINGHAM

On the roster of public officials in Hudson appears the name of Thomas A. Cookingham, who is serving for the second term as district attorney of Columbia county and has established an enviable reputation as a public prosecutor. He was born in Mellenville, this county, November 10, 1890, and is a son of Frederick Albert Cookingham and a grandson of Peter F. Cookingham,

whose wife bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Wheeler. Frederick A. Cookingham was born in Claverack, Columbia county, this state, October 19, 1854, and aided his father in the cultivation of the home place until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he was married. In 1877 he removed with his wife to Mellenville, where he operated his father-in-law's farm of one hundred and fifty acres on shares for a number of years, and at the latter's death purchased the property. On the 19th of January, 1876, Mr. Cookingham had married Miss Emilie Shufelt, who was a daughter of John I. and Henrietta (Jacobia) Shufelt and passed away May 2, 1913. She had become the mother of a son and a daughter: Thomas A., who is the younger; and Mary E., who was born July 1, 1887, and is the wife of Carlyle Broaddus, a representative of the Prudential Life Insurance Company. They reside in North Adams, Massachusetts, and have one child, Emily.

Thomas A. Cookingham completed his high school education in 1909 and pursued his advanced studies at Cornell University, which conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. in 1914. In 1915 he entered upon his legal career in Hudson, where he was associated with Judge J. R. Cady for one year, and then started in general practice under his own name at Fourth and Warren streets, continuing there for ten years. Afterward he was located on South Fourth street for five years and has maintained an office at 407 Warren street for a year. On the republican ticket he was a successful candidate for justice of the peace of the town of Claverack and acted in that capacity for eight years. In the fall of 1925 he was the popular choice for district attorney of Columbia county and took office January 1, 1926. Able, fearless and upright, he met every requirement of the office and in 1929 was reelected for another term of three years.

Mr. Cookingham was married in Ithaca, New York, August 18, 1916, to Miss Esther Smith, a daughter of Andrew and Louise Smith. The father has passed away and the mother now resides in California. Mr. and Mrs. Cookingham have two children: Thomas A., Jr., who was born November 28, 1920; and Jean M., born February 19, 1927.

In all matters of citizenship Mr. Cookingham takes a deep interest. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, of which he was chosen president for 1931, and he is also a member of the New York State Association of District Attorneys. Fraternally he is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, belonging to Hudson Lodge, No. 787. He has made continuous progress in his profession. Nature endowed him with a keen intellect, and his analytical powers and careful preparation of his cases have placed him with the leading attorneys of this part of the state.

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## GEORGE WILLIAM JOHNSON

George William Johnson is well known as the proprietor of a general merchandise store at New City, in which locality he has been successfully engaged in business since 1913. He was born in London, England, May 5, 1881, his parents being Alfred and Emma (Tennick) Johnson, the former a native of British India and the latter of England. Patrick William Johnson, the paternal grandfather of George W. Johnson of this review, owned a tea plantation at Darjeeling, India, which he was obliged to abandon at the time of the Indian mutiny. He made his escape on a small boat and two days later was picked up by a British government steamer. When the mutiny had subsided he returned to his home and found it in ruins.

George W. Johnson, the elder of the two children born to his parents, received his early education in the public schools of London, England, and continued his studies in a private school of Bruges, Belgium, for five years. It was in 1913 that he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and located in New City, New York, and here took up the work of a landscape gardener. When this country became involved in the World war, Mr. Johnson enlisted for service with the United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation as a special officer and secret service man, being stationed at the Hog Island shipyard. He resigned as a sergeant in January, 1920, and returned to Rockland county,

New York, in the following year. Here he purchased a piece of property at New City, and since 1927 has been engaged in general merchandising with marked success. His patronage has steadily increased with the passing years, for he carries a large and attractive stock of goods and caters to the wishes of his customers in every possible way.

On the 1st of July, 1911, Mr. Johnson was married to Letitia L. Mitchell, a native of London, England, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mitchell, and they are the parents of six children: Nora E., Eileen M., Richard W., Joseph W., Virginia H. and George A. At the polls Mr. Johnson supports the men and measures of the democratic party. He is a communicant of the Catholic Church and fraternally is identified with New City Court of the Foresters of America and with Pascack Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men at Pearl River, New York.

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## ST. JOACHIM'S CHURCH

The history of St. Joachim's Church of Matteawan, now Beacon, New York, was published in book form as a souvenir of the thirty-sixth anniversary of the solemn dedication of the church. From this historical sketch, which reviews the activities of the parish between the years 1850 and 1897, we quote as follows:

"According to the earliest and most authentic records, the first Mass in this vicinity was celebrated in Fishkill Landing some time during the Revolutionary war, by a French clergyman from Rhode Island. This priest visited the continental troops then stationed at New Windsor, Orange county, New York. Having administered to the spiritual wants of the Catholic soldiers, he crossed the river to pay a visit of courtesy to Baron Steuben, who occupied the well known Verplanck mansion, and it was on this occasion that the Holy Sacrifice was offered here for the first time. At the successful termination of the war the troops returned to their homes, and the few Catholics remaining in this neighborhood were subjected to many and grave inconveniences

in order that they might comply with their religious obligations. In the year 1836, however, a resident pastor was appointed to Poughkeepsie, whose parish included all of Dutchess county. But two years had elapsed when St. Patrick's parish, Newburgh, was organized under the pastoral care of the Rev. Patrick Duffy, and although the Catholic residents on this side of the river were still members of St. Peter's Church, Poughkeepsie, they frequently attended Mass and received the Sacraments in Newburgh, and as a matter of convenience, Father Duffy was often called upon to minister to the sick and dying, though no reliable mention is made of his having said Mass here.

"Time, however, in its onward march, ushered in a better and a brighter day in the religious history of our heretofore spiritually impoverished people, for in the year 1845 Father Sullivan was appointed pastor of the adjoining parish, Wappingers Falls, and he occasionally visited this portion of his flock. Father Sullivan was succeeded by the Rev. George R. Brophy, who established this as a Mission of Wappingers Falls, and in the month of May, 1850, he celebrated the first Mass, which was served by Michael Toohey, for his new congregation at Fishkill Landing, in a schoolhouse kept by a Mrs. Meagan, which was located on the corner of Main and Cliff streets. . . . .

"After having enjoyed the satisfaction of witnessing his infant congregation humbly but firmly organized, Father Brophy, who had endured for many years the arduous labors inseparable from missionary life, especially in rural districts, was promoted, in September, 1853, to the pastorate of St. Paul's Church, Harlem, New York. . . . . The Rev. Denis Sheehan succeeded to the pastorate of Wappingers Falls, Matteawan and Fishkill, and finding the building incapable of accommodating the rapidly increasing congregation, he sold the barn which had hitherto served as a church, to Mr. William F. Jones, for fifteen hundred dollars. He then purchased the site of the present church from Mr. Mathias Toohey in consideration of the sum of twelve hundred dollars, and gradually began the erection of a new church, which was called St. Mary's. . . . .

"On the 7th of October, 1860, the Rev. James Coyle was appointed the first resident pastor of Matteawan, which also included Fishkill Landing, Low Point, and Fishkill Village. November 30th of the same year, he purchased of Mr. Milo Sage, for the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, the substantial house adjoining the church, for a pastoral residence. He also signed a contract with Mr. Cornelius Morris, of Matteawan, for the completion of the carpentry work on the church at a cost of twenty-five hundred dollars. This carpentry consisted of building a chancel, a choir gallery, providing pews, and furnishing ordinary windows. The masonry work and decorating had not then been contracted for. It was hoped, however, that the church edifice, which promised to be completed about the 15th of April, would cost the congregation in the neighborhood of ten thousand dollars. The church, which is a neat, substantial, brick structure, is beautifully located on Leonard street, and is seventy by fifty feet, but when the contemplated chancel is added, the extreme length will measure ninety-five feet, and the erection of the intended gallery will render the church still more commodious. On the Sunday immediately following the Octave of the Assumption of our Blessed Lady, the church invariably celebrates the festival of St. Joachim. It was, therefore, on this day, August 18th, 1861, that the new church was solemnly dedicated to the service of the Almighty, under the patronage of St. Joachim, the father of the Blessed Virgin. The building, which hitherto served as a chapel, was known as St. Mary's, and the change of patron, which took place on the occasion of the formal dedication of the new church, was, no doubt, due to the fact that the church at Wappingers Falls bore the same title. The ceremony of dedication was performed by His Grace, Archbishop Hughes, with all the solemnity and impressiveness prescribed by the Roman Ritual. . . . .

"To Father Coyle also belongs the credit of having erected St. Mary's Church, Fishkill Village, which was dedicated by the Very Rev. Vicar General Starrs, Sunday, October 16th, 1864. He also purchased St. Joachim's Cemetery, having indefatigably labored for many years, during which Father Coyle proved him-

self the zealous pastor, the devoted Father, and the trusted Friend of his congregation, and just when about to enjoy that uninterrupted peace which is seldom of long duration, the voice of authority called him to another and a busier field of action, for he was promoted to the pastoral charge of St. Mary's Church, Rondout, where he labored with equal fidelity until July 1st, 1872, when his pure and lofty soul wended its flight to its Creator. . . . .

"Rev. Christopher A. Farrell, the second rector of St. Joachim's Church, was appointed to succeed Rev. James Coyle about July 20, 1867. . . . . A notable instance of his devotion to duty, above personal feeling, occurred during the Christmas season of 1870. It had been announced that a midnight Mass would be celebrated in honor of the feast, but on Christmas Eve Father Farrell's father, who had been staying at the rectory, became seriously ill. As midnight approached, the invalid sank rapidly, and the attending physicians informed Father Farrell that their patient had only a few minutes to live. The faithful pastor, however, decided that the congregation which had assembled in the church must not be kept waiting; Mass was celebrated, but on his hurried return to his father's bedside, he found that death had occurred in his absence. But an organic disease, under which Father Farrell had suffered for years, finally became so serious that he decided to resign his parish, and about April 22, 1871, he bade farewell to his congregation and sailed for Europe. . . . . He passed peacefully away on his thirty-eighth birthday.

"The Rev. Peter McCourt, assistant pastor of St. Mary's Church, Rondout, was selected as the most available young priest to succeed the Rev. Father Christopher A. Farrell. . . . The constant growth and increase of the congregation rendered the necessity of an assistant pastor imperative, for in his latter days Father McCourt was to some extent assisted by Rev. Father Defina. Hence, it was necessary to enlarge the parochial residence, a task which Father McCourt undertook at an expense of twenty-five hundred dollars. Although he lived to witness its completion, Divine Providence decreed that he should not survive

to enjoy it, for on Tuesday, December 19th, 1876, the angel of death summoned him to his true home. . . . .

"Immediately after the death of Rev. Peter McCourt, the management of the parish was confided to the care of his esteemed and devoted friend, the Rev. Michael W. Newman, a gentleman of scholarly attainments and the author of several literary works. In May, 1877, the Rev. John C. Henry, pastor of St. Francis' Church, Mount Kisco, Westchester county, New York, was promoted by His Eminence, our illustrious and dearly beloved Archbishop, Cardinal McCloskey, to the pastorate of St. Joachim's, and Father Newman was appointed to succeed him at Mount Kisco. . . . . Shortly after Father Henry's arrival in Matteawan, His Eminence, Cardinal McCloskey, visited St. Joachim's and administered confirmation to nearly three hundred persons. On Sunday, November 30th, 1878, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the laying of the foundation of the present church was appropriately celebrated. . . . . The improvements which began some time ago on St. Joachim's Church, Matteawan, have been completed, and the building, as it now stands, is a credit to the energy and zeal of pastor and people. . . . . And now that Father Henry had enlarged and beautified the church, organized the Children of Mary Sodality and other kindred societies, and having introduced the Sisters of Charity, and reduced the debt on the church property, he was assigned to a more extensive field of labor, for on September 6th, 1884, he was promoted by His Eminence, Cardinal McCloskey, to the pastoral charge of St. Cecilia's Church, New York city.

"Rev. Michael J. McSwiggan officiated for the first time as pastor of St. Joachim's Church, on Sunday, September 15th, 1884. . . . . His Grace, Archbishop Corrigan, deemed the division of St. Joachim's parish necessary, and for the best interests of those especially who lived a distance from the church. He therefore authorized the formation of the new parish of St. John the Evangelist, Fishkill-on-the-Hudson, and on the 13th of December, 1887, appointed the Rev. John A. Hurley its first pastor. A large debt was contracted by Father McSwiggan as the result of the many

alterations and extensive improvements made in and around the church property. In order, therefore, that the congregation which remained might not be financially embarrassed, he sacrificed the valuable services of his accomplished assistant, Father Parker, who was transferred to St. Paul's Church, Harlem, New York, and as many of the children of the new parish, who heretofore attended the parochial school, went elsewhere, Father McSwiggan, to reduce expenses, was obliged to dispense with the services of several of the Sisters. If ever the people of Matteawan gave substantial expression to their esteem and affection for their pastor it was certainly at this critical moment, for all, with magnanimous accord, redoubled their efforts to assist Father McSwiggan financially by the generosity of their offerings and by increasing the number of sittings they heretofore held in the church. Even while a Seminarian, Father McSwiggan gave unmistakable evidences of impaired health, and now that the congregation beheld the rapid inroads disease was making on his manly form, many warm-hearted members of the parish besought him to apply for an assistant priest, binding themselves to be responsible for his salary and support. In July, 1890, the Rev. Hugh F. McCabe was appointed to assist him, and Father McSwiggan, taking advantage of Father McCabe's presence, went to Europe, in the hope of regaining his fast-failing health. But alas, Divine Providence had decreed otherwise, for Father McSwiggan died in a foreign land, breathing forth his pure and lofty soul into the hands of his Creator, at Louvain, Belgium, October 25th, 1890.

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"The Rev. Hugh F. McCabe continued as acting pastor until the appointment of Rev. Terence F. Kelly, December 1st, 1890. . . . . Decoration Day, 1893, had a double solemnity for the parishioners of St. Joachim's, for in addition to honoring the memories of the heroes of the war, they paid a loving tribute to their beloved pastor, Rev. Terence F. Kelly, who celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his ordination to the holy priesthood."

Father Kelly was followed by the Rev. John H. Briody, who gave ten years of his labors to St. Joachim's parish and did won-

derful work in beautifying the church and grounds. Upon his promotion to St. Joseph's Church in Kingston, the Rev. Michael V. Aylward became pastor of St. Joachim's parish, where he labored until his death in the month of February, 1921.

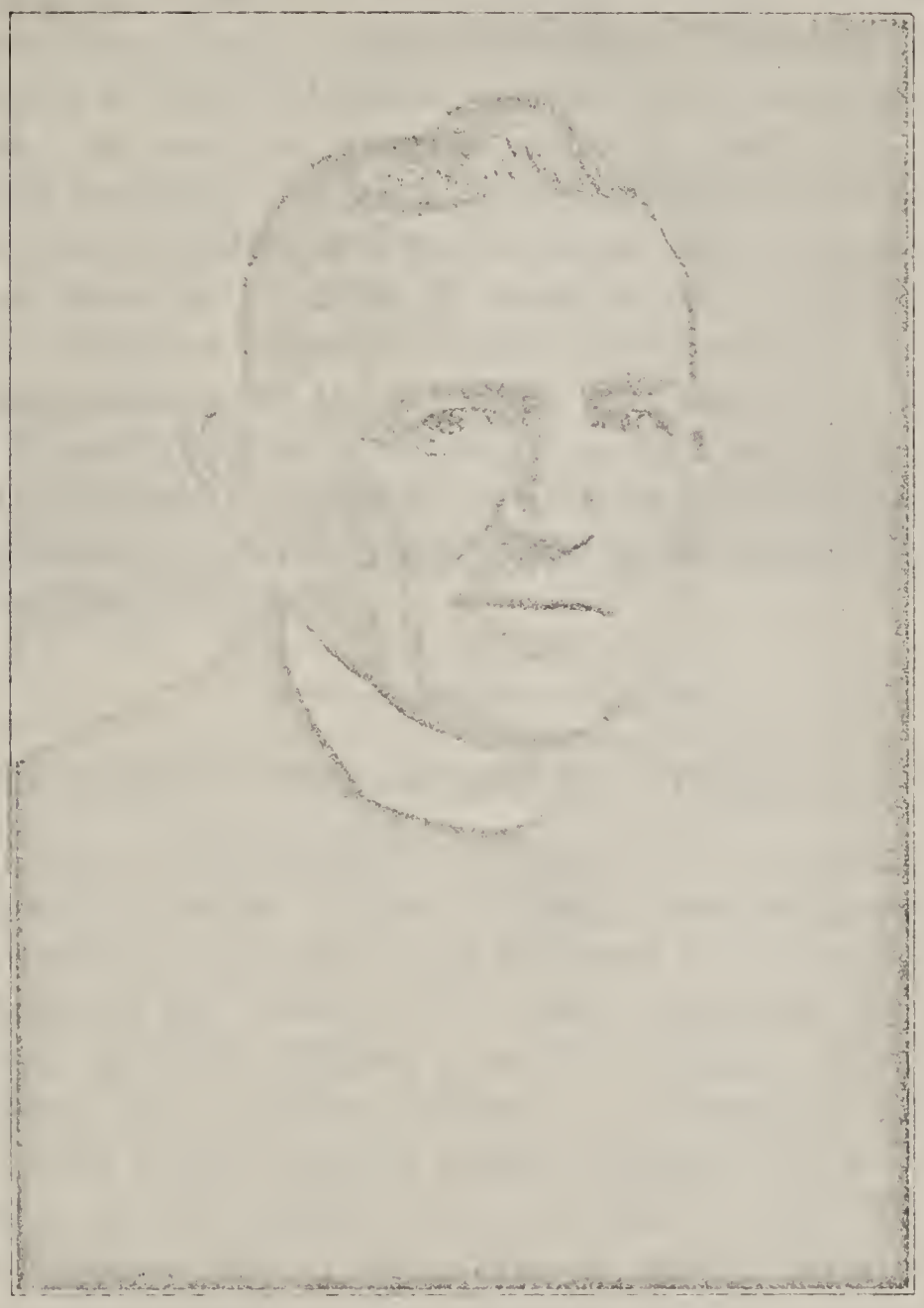
A review of the career of Rev. Thomas B. Dougherty, pastor of St. Joachim's Church since June, 1921, follows this church history.

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## REV. THOMAS B. DOUGHERTY

Rev. Thomas B. Dougherty is the beloved pastor of St. Joachim's Church of Beacon, Dutchess county, where he has labored with consecrated zeal during the past decade. He is a native of Wayne county, Pennsylvania, and a son of William J. and Bridget (McCollan) Dougherty. His mother came of a pioneer family of northeastern Pennsylvania. William J. Dougherty, who was of Irish descent, enlisted for service as a sailor in the Civil war and had the distinction of serving on the ironclad Monitor in the memorable engagement with the Merrimac.

Thomas B. Dougherty spent his boyhood on the home farm, and following the death of his mother he moved to New York with his father and the other members of the family. Responsive to the call of the priesthood, he entered St. Xavier's College in preparation for holy orders. In 1901 he entered Dunwoodie Seminary, and due to his diligence in study and zest for learning, was selected to go abroad and study at the American College in Rome. His ordination took place June 9th, 1906, in the famous Basilica of Saint John Lateran in Rome. He celebrated his first mass in the catacombs of Calixtus on the tomb of Saint Cecilia. Returning to America, he was appointed assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church on the lower east side of New York city. In 1911, after five years of splendid work there, he was transferred to St. Rita's in the Bronx. Two years later he was appointed chaplain of Napponoch Reformatory at Ellenville, where his work among the unfortunates was little short of sublime. During this



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time he was also pastor of St. Mary's Church at Ellenville and in June, 1921, came to St. Joachim's Church of Beacon. Here, with the fine vigor so characteristic of him, he began needed work and shortly the St. Vincent de Paul Society and also the Ladies' Auxiliary and Altar Society were established. Physical repairs were made on the church and school, and an entire heating system was installed. He also inaugurated a definite plan for the regular care of the cemetery and from his own funds purchased additional land for plots, donating this to the parish for a new cemetery. At this time there is in course of construction a school which will cost sixty thousand dollars. Father Dougherty has recently completed negotiations for the purchase of a forty-five acre tract of land at Brinckerhoff to be devoted to a Boy Scout camp. He has won the affectionate esteem as well as the enthusiastic support of his parishioners, and his life of consecrated service has been one of far-reaching influence.

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## CHARLES KNICKERBACKER WINNE, JR., M. D.

Dr. Charles Knickerbacker Winne, Jr., is accorded a place of prominence in medical circles of Albany and has devoted his life to a profession which has been followed in succession by three generations of the family. Of Dutch ancestry, he is a direct descendant of Pieter Winne, a native of Ghent, Flanders. The grandfather, Dr. Charles Winne, a prominent physician of Buffalo, New York, married Louisa Caroline Viele. They were the parents of Dr. Charles Knickerbacker Winne, Sr., who was born in Buffalo, New York, June 30, 1838. His professional studies were pursued in the Harvard Medical School, the College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York city and the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, where he received his M. D. degree in 1859. Desirous of joining the medical corps at the outbreak of the Civil war, he took the required examination, which he passed with a high rating, and in July, 1861, entered the Union Army. He served throughout the conflict between

the north and the south, participating in many important battles. He continued in the army until 1873, when he resigned, but reentered the army a year later. In 1902, while serving as chief surgeon of the Department of the Missouri, he was retired for age as lieutenant colonel and deputy surgeon general but in 1904 by act of congress was promoted to the rank of colonel, retired, in the United States Army, in recognition of his Civil war service. A man of high professional attainments, Dr. Winne rendered valuable service to his country in times of peace as well as in days of war and his upright, useful life was terminated in Albany, September 24, 1919, when he was eighty-one years of age.

Dr. Winne had married Caroline Elizabeth Frey, a daughter of John and Caroline (Ludlow) Frey, of Palatine Bridge, New York. Her great-grandfather, Major John Frey, was born at Palatine Bridge, April 27, 1740, and served with distinction in the Revolutionary war. He was a lieutenant of militia in Sir William Johnson's campaign against Niagara in 1759; a captain in the Second Regiment of the New York Line under Colonel Goose Van Schaick, June 28, 1775; was a brigade major in the Albany County Militia from July 15, 1775, to January, 1776; and brigade major in the Tryon County Militia under General Nicholas Herkimer. On the 6th of August, 1777, at the battle of Oriskany, Major Frey was wounded and taken prisoner and was confined in Canada until October, 1778, when he was exchanged. Many public trusts were reposed in him. He was the first elected sheriff of Tryon county and held office from 1775 to 1777. From 1782 to 1792 he was a member of the general assembly of New York and was then elected to the state senate, serving until 1802. He was a member of the Tryon County Committee of Safety and later became its chairman. In 1782 he was a member of the convention that met at Poughkeepsie to ratify the Federal Constitution and in 1793 was selected as a member of the Council of Appointment. Keenly interested in educational matters, he was one of the men who made possible the establishment of Union

College at Schenectady. He was one of the original members of St. Patrick's Lodge, F. & A. M., founded by Sir William Johnson at Johnstown, New York. Of keen intelligence and marked public spirit, he furthered the progress of his state along many lines, and died on the 19th of April, 1833. His wife, Anna Gertrude (Shoemaker) Frey, was a niece of General Nicholas Herkimer.

Dr. Charles K. Winne, Jr., the great-great-grandson of Major John Frey, was born at Sidney Barracks, Sidney, Nebraska, September 30, 1877, and after attending Shattuck School at Faribault, Minnesota, was a student at Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, which conferred upon him the A. B. degree in 1897 and that of M. D. in 1901. For about two years he worked in the Johns Hopkins Hospital and then came to Albany as assistant in the Bender Hygienic Laboratory, (1903 until 1905). Since then he has engaged in private practice in this city and is associate epidemiologist at the Albany Hospital, attending physician in the Childs Hospital, and attending physician for contagious diseases at the Albany Orphan Asylum. He is associate in medicine in the Albany Medical College. From 1914 until 1922 he was medical assistant to the Albany health officer and during the World war was secretary of the state medical advisory board No. 27.

Dr. Winne was married September 1, 1910, in New York city, to Miss Sarah Foster Merrill, a daughter of the late Charles Foster Merrill. The three children of this marriage are: Charles K. Merrill, who was born April 27, 1913; Elizabeth Frey, born April 27, 1915; and John Frey, born July 8, 1919.

Dr. Winne and his family are members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. His civic spirit is expressed through his connection with the Albany Chamber of Commerce and the Albany Institute of History & Art. He is regent of Philip Livingston Chapter of the Sons of the Revolution, a past president of the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany and also belongs to the Holland Society of New York, the Torch Club, the Albany Country Club, the University

Club of Albany and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He represents the Albany County Medical Society in the capacity of president and is likewise identified with the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association, the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Winne has never sought to achieve that success which has a monetary measurement, but rather has he sought achievement in the field of scientific accomplishment and of service to his fellowmen.

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## THE MISSES SALISBURY

Among the most notable of Rockland county's historic landmarks is the widely known Salisbury home, a house which dates back to Revolutionary times and is still in an excellent state of preservation. The old stone mansion is now the home of the Misses Louisa D. and Jeannie S. Salisbury, great-great-granddaughters of Michael Cornelison, who was one of the most extensive landowners in the region of the Hudson, much of the town of Nyack being built on this land, which had been formerly deeded to Claus Jansen in June, 1671. Michael Cornelison married Catherine Kuyper, granddaughter of Claus Jansen. The Salisburys are among the most prominent of Rockland county's historical families, the Cornelison family being one of the oldest of the entire region, and among the keepsakes of the Salisburys are the original grants to the land owned by the family in the early days. Eleanor Cornelison married Cornelius T. Smith, and their daughter, Mary Louise, married John L. Salisbury.

Recently the Rockland County Historical Society presented to the Salisbury home a tablet, which was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies at six p. m., Saturday, June 2, 1923, and which bears the following inscription: "1770 Revolutionary House 1923—Built in 1770 by Michael Cornelison, who occupied it with his family during the stirring times of the Revolution. Because of its prominent site on the river and the patriotic activities of its

owner the house was the subject of repeated attacks by the British. For a time during the early period of the war the house was in the possession of the British."

United States Senator Royal S. Copeland, of Suffern, spoke and H. P. McKenney, acting president of the historical society, presided at the unveiling, to which all the residents of the county, school children and others were invited, and were represented in large numbers. An address was made by the Hon. George A. Blauvelt, chairman of the historic sites committee, and by many other persons of prominence. Members of the historical society and their friends arranged a dinner dance at the Nyack Club and several interesting historical papers were read, including one on Tappan and the early Dutch settlers, the locality of which is near Salisbury point.

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## LYMAN WALLACE SMITH

Among the pioneer mercantile institutions of Stillwater is numbered the Smith department store, of which members of the Smith family have been the proprietors for more than seventy years, and which is now conducted by Lyman Wallace Smith. He was born April 22, 1897, in the town where he still resides, and is a son of William Wallace and Jeanette (Mott) Smith, of Troy, New York, and a member of one of the oldest families in this part of the state. His grandfather, Lansing Smith, was identified with the old Champlain canal for many years, afterward becoming a dealer in meat. Lyman Smith, a great-uncle of Lyman Wallace Smith, founded the mercantile business in Stillwater prior to 1860. Lyman Smith was active in the management of the store for a considerable period and as a young man his nephew, William Wallace Smith, entered the business, devoting the best years of his life to its upbuilding, under the name of Lyman Smith & Co.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the grammar and high schools of Stillwater, Lyman W. Smith enrolled as

a student in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, taking the degree of Mechanical Engineering, and later attended the Stevens Institute of Naval Engineering, from which he was graduated. He entered upon his professional career as an engineer in the employ of the Scranton Light, Heat & Power Company of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and remained with that corporation until July 20, 1923, when he was called home by the death of his father, whom he succeeded as head of the Lyman Smith & Co. department store and owner of the business. It is situated on Main street, occupying a building which was erected in 1872, and has been continued in the one location for nearly a half century. While keeping in close touch with the constantly changing conditions of commercial life, the firm has steadfastly adhered to the high standards of merchandising instituted by the founder of the business and year by year the patronage of the house has increased, due to a well merited reputation for enterprise, reliability and fair dealing. Like his predecessors, the present owner is alert to the trend of the times and is always prepared to meet the needs of his customers, while he also has the wisdom and executive force essential to the successful conduct of a large mercantile establishment.

Mr. Smith is a veteran of the World war. Enlisting in the United States Navy in 1918, he completed the term of three years and five months, and was engaged in active service during two years of that period. From the rating of second class machinist's mate he was advanced to that of first class, next becoming a warrant officer and finally an ensign. After intensive training at the Pelham Bay station, he was assigned to duty on the troop ship, Edward Lukenbach, later being transferred to the West Ekonk, a supply ship, and was mustered out of active service in New York city in 1920.

At Oneonta, New York, on the 28th of June, 1928, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Dyer by the same minister who had officiated at the wedding of his father and mother and had also performed a similar service for the father and mother of his bride. She was born in Stillwater, a daughter of Charles H. and Deborah (Strang) Dyer, who are likewise natives of the

town. As operator of a knitting mill the father was long identified with the textile industry but is now living retired.

In fraternal circles Mr. Smith is well known as a member of Montgomery Lodge, No. 504, of the Masonic order and as exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks, No. 1403. His wife is identified with the Eastern Star, the Mechanicville Golf Club and the Teachers Association. He likewise is commander of the American Legion Post No. 490 and is connected with the village fire department. He votes with the republican party and his loyalty and devotion to his community prompt his effective work as village clerk. For seven years he has served as treasurer of the Second Baptist Church of Stillwater.

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## PAUL V. COLETTI

Paul V. Coletti, head of the Hudson-Essex Motor Sales Corporation and a forceful factor in the business life of Mount Vernon, was born in New York city, October 4, 1888, a son of Emil and Emilie (Estephe) Coletti. His boyhood was spent in the Bronx and when his education was completed he went to work for his father, with whom he continued until the latter's death in 1924, afterward conducting the business alone for four years. He had the Hudson and Essex agency at Port Chester and Rye, New York, for one and a half years and then came to Mount Vernon, taking over the local agency for the same lines in April, 1930. He knows the merits of these automobiles and has desirable showrooms in a modern building at 115 East Third street, where he also conducts a general repair shop and runs a garage accommodating one hundred cars. He maintains a high standard of service and under his capable leadership the Hudson-Essex Motor Sales Corporation is coming rapidly to the fore in business circles of the city.

In 1913, Mr. Coletti was married to Miss Irene Mathews, a daughter of Charles Mathews, who was engaged in the steamboat business. Mrs. Coletti passed away in 1923, leaving three children,

Madeline, Margaret and Paul J. In March, 1924, Mr. Coletti was married to Miss Louise A. Capach, a daughter of Frank Capach, who removed from Kingston, New York, to Albany while in the employ of the Delaware & Hudson River Railroad Company. To the second marriage were born four children, Irene, Dorothy, Robert and Donald. The residence of the family is at 414 Monterey avenue, where Mr. Coletti has made his home for about seven years. He belongs to the New York Athletic Club and follows an independent course in politics, placing the qualifications of a candidate before party ties. His cooperation can always be counted upon in the furtherance of movements destined to prove of benefit to the city with which he has allied his interests and his enterprise, ability and integrity have made him a valuable addition to its business circles.

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## FRANK H. JAMES

Construction work in Orange county has received impetus from the well directed efforts of Frank H. James, who has long served as road superintendent for the town of Woodbury and was formerly a prominent contractor. He was born in Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, April 17, 1869, a son of George and Mary A. (Quackenbush) James, who were natives of the same town. His paternal grandparents were Selah and Rachel James, the former a farmer by occupation. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. George James there were seven children, of whom two died in infancy and one at the age of twenty years. The others are: Frank H.; Katherine J., the wife of William Conning; Fanny, the wife of Edward Grover; and Edward.

In the acquirement of an education Frank H. James attended the public schools and the Cornwall Free School, afterward becoming identified with building operations. He gained practical experience in various branches of construction work and a laudable ambition prompted him to establish a business of his own. He engaged in contracting for a quarter of a century and many

of the substantial structures in Orange county exemplify his ability and skill as a builder. Thorough and dependable, he promptly and satisfactorily fulfilled every contract awarded him and wisely managed the business, which expanded year by year.

In 1901 Mr. James was married to Miss Helen F. Ford, a daughter of John and Ella B. (Bull) Ford, and they have one son, Richard T., who was graduated from high school in 1931 and is pursuing an electrical engineering course at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of Troy, New York.

Mr. James is an earnest, helpful member of the Episcopal Church of Highland Mills and has served on its advisory board for fifteen years. A York Rite Mason, he is a member of the following bodies: Woodbury Lodge, No. 993, F. & A. M.; Highland Chapter, R. A. M.; Hudson River Commandery, No. 35, K. T.; and Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and since his retirement from business his time has been largely occupied with public affairs. For seven years he has served as town superintendent of roads of the town of Woodbury and for fifteen years has been chairman of the board of education. He is also a member of the Highland Mills fire company. He has discharged his public duties with the conscientiousness and efficiency that characterized the management of his business interests, and the high quality of his public service and the value of his work are uniformly conceded. Kind-hearted and sympathetic, Mr. James has generously aided the poor in his locality and the good of others has been paramount with him.

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## JAMES A. ZICKLER

James A. Zickler, of Carmel, is one of the foremost representatives of journalistic interests in Putnam county, where he has been a newspaper editor, owner and publisher throughout the past forty-five years. He was born in Carmel, New York, May 12, 1865, a son of Conrad Zickler, a native of Germany who emigrated to America about 1850 and who was a wheelwright

by occupation. The mother of James A. Zickler died when he was still very young. The family numbered ten children, of whom four survive, as follows: James A., of this review; Charles A., a resident of Schenectady, New York; Emma L., who is the wife of George L. Sunkel and lives in New York city; and John Clives, who resides at Lynbrook, New York.

James A. Zickler was educated in a printing office and has always been a newspaperman. As stated above, he has been a newspaper owner and publisher for forty-five years and thus he has become widely known as a most successful and enterprising journalist. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, being a member of the lodge and chapter at Groton, New York, and the Crusaders Commandery of Knights Templar at White Plains. He is also afiiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks at Peekskill.

On the 18th of October, 1900, Mr. Zickler was united in marriage to Miss Emma Wilson, a representative of one of the old and honored families of Beacon, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Zickler enjoy an enviable social position in the community in which they reside, for the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintance.

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## FREEMAN S. O'BRIEN, M. D.

Dr. Freeman S. O'Brien is a well known and successful physician of Wappingers Falls, where he has been actively engaged in medical practice during the past eighteen years. He was born in Goshen, New York, October 1, 1885, a son of George and Elizabeth (Freeman) O'Brien. In the acquirement of an education he attended the schools of his native community, pursuing a course of study at St. John's Academy of Goshen, New York, prior to entering the medical department of the University of Michigan, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1908. After service as interne at the Buffalo General Hospital he took up the work of his chosen profession in Livingston county, New



DR. FREEMAN S. O'BRIEN

York, where he practiced for three years. In 1913 he opened an office in Wappingers Falls, Dutchess county, which place has been the scene of his professional activities continuously since save for the period of his service in the World war. At this time he was health officer of Wappingers Falls. He enlisted and was commissioned first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, subsequently serving in United States General Hospital No. 6 at Fort McPherson and in the base hospital at Camp Upton. Following the signing of the armistice he was mustered out and resumed his practice in Wappingers Falls, where many patients testify to his pronounced skill in the field of medicine and surgery. He keeps in touch with the most advanced methods of the profession through his membership in the Dutchess-Putnam Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and he also belongs to Morris C. Goring Post of the American Legion, of which he has served as secretary. His unfaltering adherence to the highest professional ethics commands the respect of his colleagues, and he has won many warm friends in the varied relations of life.

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## OHMAR H. SMITH

Becoming a Woolworth employe at the age of twenty years, Ohmar H. Smith has steadily advanced in the service of this great corporation and is now manager of the store at Saratoga Springs. He was born in Harrison, Hamilton county, Ohio, July 28, 1896, and is a son of Lewis and Nancy (Morgan) Smith, who have always resided in that state. After mastering the branches of learning taught in the grammar and high schools of his native town he made a tour of the harvest fields of Missouri, Kansas and the Dakotas in company with his brother, traveling throughout the west for about a year. In 1916 he started to work for the Woolworth Company as a stockman at Cincinnati, Ohio, and a

year later was made assistant manager of the store in that city. At Cincinnati, in the spring of 1918, he enlisted for services in the World war, becoming a private in the Seventy-seventh Regiment of Field Artillery, attached to the Fourth Division. For seven weeks he was in training at Camp Jackson near Columbia, South Carolina, and then went overseas with his company. They landed in southern France and a week later were ordered to the front. Mr. Smith took part in the Argonne and St. Mihiel offensives and on November 11, 1918, went with the Army of Occupation to Germany. He remained in that country until the summer of 1920, when he returned to the United States, and was mustered out at Camp Sherman, Ohio, August 20th of that year, at which time he was serving as a corporal.

Reentering the employ of the Woolworth Company, Mr. Smith was sent to Detroit, Michigan, as assistant manager of their establishment in that city and soon afterward was placed in charge of their store in Buffalo, New York. From October, 1920, until June 1, 1921, he represented the company as manager at Fulton, New York, and was then transferred to Bradford, Pennsylvania, where he remained for about four years. On the 1st of January, 1925, he returned to Buffalo as manager of one of the largest stores operated by the company and was stationed in that city until January 1, 1929, when he was assigned to his present position in Saratoga Springs. He won his promotions by hard work and devotion to the interests under his charge and is numbered among the company's most capable and dependable managers.

In Newport, Kentucky, September 21, 1921, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Amelia Vater, a daughter of Lewis and Mary Vater, who still make their home in that city. Mr. Vater was long active in its business life but is now retired. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children, Maurice Ohmar, Geraldine Anne and Thomas Morgan, aged respectively nine, seven and five years. Mrs. Smith devotes considerable time to church work and is a past treasurer of the Parent-Teacher Association of Saratoga Springs. The residence of the family is at 54 Greenfield avenue

and Mr. Smith's business address is 414 Broadway. In politics he is a democrat, and he belongs to the American Legion and also to the Lions Club, a business men's organization, devoted to Americanism. In mercantile circles of the city he occupies a prominent place and is esteemed for the substantial qualities to which he owes his rise in the business world.

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## PETER KEELER

A lifelong resident of Albany, Peter Keeler was widely known through his achievements in the field of general contracting and as a master builder he left the deep impress of his individuality upon the development and improvement of this and other cities of the state. Born July 11, 1858, he was a son of Adam and Margaret Keeler, both of whom were natives of Germany. His educational advantages were those afforded by the public school system of Albany and after laying aside his text-books he started to learn the carpenter's trade. Upon completing his apprenticeship he ventured in business for himself and prospered from the outset, due to his tireless energy, wise management and intimate knowledge of all phases of construction work. His trade grew rapidly and the firm of Keeler & Son soon became one of the largest organizations of general contractors in Albany. With important public projects they were closely associated, constructing many hospitals and armories in various parts of the state. Some of the hospital buildings at Saranac Lake were erected by Mr. Keeler, who was particularly interested in hospitals for the insane, and many of these institutions in the Hudson River Valley exemplify his skill as a builder. In his special field of activity he was unsurpassed and in addition to the conduct of his contracting business he was a director of the First Trust Company of Albany.

On the 20th of February, 1879, Mr. Keeler was married to Miss Dorothea Schaeffer, a native of Germany and a daughter of George and Elizabeth Schaeffer. Mr. and Mrs. Keeler were the parents of three children. The son, Edward A., born September

12, 1880, acquired a high school education in Albany and is now living in New York city, where he is engaged in the bonding and insurance business. He married Miss Helene Hearth, of New York city. The elder daughter, Emily Gertrude, resides with her mother in the family home at 402 Clinton avenue, Albany. Dorothea, the youngest child, became the wife of George Barkentin, of New York city, and is the mother of a daughter, Mrs. Ruth E. Walker, of Flushing, New York.

Interested in military affairs, Mr. Keeler joined the New York National Guard and became a lieutenant of the Twenty-fifth Regiment. He belonged to the Wolferts Roost Country Club and took an active part in the work of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in which he long held membership. In politics he was a republican and at one time served on the board of aldermen. He was greatly interested in the deeper Hudson River project and did much valuable work along that line. He was entirely a self-made man and the splendid success which he enjoyed was due to his hard work and conscientious effort. Strong in his ability to plan and perform, strong in his honor and his good name, Peter Keeler wrought along enduring lines of progress and his death on July 23, 1929, at the age of seventy-one years, deprived Albany of a citizen whom it could ill afford to lose. Mrs. Keeler is a zealous member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Mission Society and the Lutheran League and also belongs to the Mothers Club. Hers has been a life of quiet devotion to her church, her family and friends and the respect that is uniformly accorded her is well deserved.

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## FRANK AYRS COOK

Frank A. Cook, who represented the fourth generation of his family in New York, was a lifelong resident of Saratoga Springs and a capable business man who devoted many years to the service of the Boston & Maine Railroad Company. His grandfather, Ransom Cook, was born in Wallingford, New Haven county, Con-

necticut, November 8, 1794, and in 1802 came with the family to Milton, Saratoga county. Early in life he decided to learn his father's trade and proved an apt pupil, making all parts of a common chair at the age of ten years. He early evinced mechanical ability of a high order and when but twelve years of age manufactured electrical machines for several physicians of the county which were considered remarkable as the work of so young a boy. In 1810, when a youth of sixteen, he started as a journeyman at Saratoga Springs, retaining his home in the town of Milton, and in 1813 he went into business for himself as a furniture manufacturer, opening a shop on Congress street. He was married to Rachel Ayrs in 1818 and in 1822 they removed to Saratoga Springs. Ransom Cook prospered in business and in 1827-28 built an extensive shop on Broadway fitted with a quantity of improved machinery, the first of the kind known in the village. At the same time he built a spacious home at what is now 219 South Broadway, corner of Ballston avenue, and this has since been the family residence. In 1828 he was elected justice of the peace and served continuously until 1845. He was a mechanical genius and secured patents on seventeen of his inventions, the principal one being Cook's auger, which is still known by that name. He devoted a considerable part of his time to the manufacture of scientific apparatus, which he not only used in his private researches but sold to colleges and other public institutions, for he was a scientist of considerable repute. In 1842 he was appointed commissioner to examine the mineral regions of the state and to obtain proposals for the sale of mines with a view to the employment of convicts in mining and smelting. In 1845, when Dannemora prison at Clinton was established, Mr. Cook was appointed both agent and warden and his management was the subject of much commendation. He built the prison, the steam sawmill, foundry, machine shop and numerous other buildings and installed a large amount of machinery as well. When the work was completed he retired from business, taking up his abode in the beautiful home already referred to on South Broadway, Saratoga Springs. Rachel (Ayrs) Cook, wife of Ransom Cook, was the

daughter of Robert Ayrs, a soldier in the American Revolution who settled soon after the war near what is now called the "Dry Bridge" in the southern part of the town along the Delaware & Hudson Railroad. His wife was a Miss Ashton. He became a large landowner, his property including some of the rich land along the Kayaderosserras. Of his two sons, John and Isaac, the former settled in Saratoga and the latter went west. One of his daughters became Mrs. Hicks Seaman, mother of Hicks Seaman, whose family now occupies the Ayrs homestead. The others became Mrs. Ransom Cook, of Saratoga Springs, and Mrs. Elisha Rockwell of Milton.

Ransom Cook was the father of two sons, Miles T. and Eli R. Cook. The latter was born in Saratoga Springs, January 9, 1828, and in 1849 went to Kansas, where he had command of a company of Free State men. His service in that state covered a period of two years and with his return to Saratoga Springs he resumed work as a machinist. Previous to that time he had assisted his father in building the state prison. He died July 31, 1892.

Eli R. Cook married Miss Josephine Boucher, who was born January 4, 1837, and died March 15, 1929. They were the parents of one son, Frank A. Cook, who was born in Saratoga Springs, January 6, 1874, and here acquired a public school education. Upon starting out in life for himself he entered the toy business and later became cashier of the Boston & Maine Railroad, occupying that office until his death on the 2d of October, 1918, when he was forty-four years of age. He had a strong sense of duty and responsibility and through the efficient, conscientious performance of the work in his department rendered valuable service to the corporation which he long represented.

Mr. Cook was married in Saratoga Springs to Miss Georgia E. Shonts, a member of one of the colonial families of America. Her father, Zachariah Curtis Shonts, was born in Schodack Landing, Rensselaer county, New York, in 1837 and was called to his final rest in 1917. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Ruth Elizabeth Cline, was born in Milton, Saratoga county, in 1838 and departed this life in 1912. Mr. and Mrs. Cook became the

parents of a daughter, Josephine Ayrs, who was born in Saratoga Springs, March 25, 1894. She was graduated from the local high school and from the Troy Business College and is now in the employ of the state reservation department. She is a member and former historian of Saratoga Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and a member of the Historical Society.

Mr. Cook was a member of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., of which he served as master in 1908-09, during which time the one hundredth anniversary of the lodge was celebrated; a member of Rising Sun Chapter, No. 131, R. A. M., of which he was past high priest; Cryptic Council, No. 37, R. & S. M., of which he was past thrice illustrious master; past commander of Washington Commandery, No. 33, Knights Templar; and a member of the Mystic Shrine at Troy. He was a member of the Masonic Veterans Association, the Past Commanders Association of Central New York, the Masonic Immediate Relief Association, and one of the founders of the Masonic Club, of which he served as treasurer. He was also a member of High Rock Council, No. 652, Royal Arcanum, and served as regent and district deputy. His political support was given to the republican party and he was an earnest, helpful member of the Bethesda Episcopal Church in which he served as a vestryman, as superintendent of the Sunday school for a number of years, and was an organizer and president of the Men's Club. His mother was a teacher in the Sunday school for more than fifty years. While never an office seeker, he was always ready to cooperate in those movements and projects which make for civic progress and improvement and for the uplift of the individual, and throughout life he manifested the qualities which win for a man the respect and confidence of his fellows.

Mrs. Cook and her daughter occupy the family residence at 219 Broadway, which was built by Ransom Cook nearly a century ago. They have preserved much of the old-time charm of the home, which is filled with many beautiful and rare antiques. With commercial interests of Saratoga Springs, Mrs. Cook is prominently identified as one of the executives of the Stiles-Cook

Company, radio dealers, whose business is conducted in the workshop built by Ransom Cook on land adjoining the old home. She is a capable business woman and has also found time for civic and social affairs. In the work of the Civic League she takes an active part and is also a member of the Historical Society. As president of the Bemis Heights Society, Children of the American Revolution, in 1914, she presented the beautiful mahogany frame for the silk American flag made by Saratoga ladies and presented by President Mrs. Frederic Menges to the National Society, and which hangs in the D. A. R. room in Continental Hall, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Cook is also second vice regent of Saratoga Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and a past president of the Travelers Aid. Hers has been an active and useful life and her kindness of heart and innate courtesy have drawn to her a wide circle of steadfast friends.

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## ALFRED C. HAMILTON

One of the most prominent educators of Rockland county is Alfred C. Hamilton, who is rendering able and appreciated service as superintendent of the schools of Nyack, which position he has held for the past four years. He is a native of the old Empire state, having been born at Delhi, Delaware county, where he was reared and received his elementary education. His father, John Hamilton, who spent the greater part of his life at Delhi, was intensely devoted to the interests of his family and for his son, Alfred C., he had great ambitions along educational lines.

After graduating from the Delhi high school, Alfred C. Hamilton attended Westminster College, at New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and Monmouth College, at Monmouth, Illinois, and, with the exception of special courses taken in more recent years, he completed his education in Syracuse University in 1912. He taught for a time at the Cortland State Normal School, and was also engaged in educational work at Seneca Falls and Ithaca, this state. In 1927 Mr. Hamilton came to Nyack as superintendent

of schools, and has accomplished much in the way of developing and improving the school system, which is now functioning most excellently. He possesses the happy faculty of stimulating the interest of both teachers and pupils, as well as securing the co-operation of the parents, so that the entire community interest is active in behalf of the schools.

In 1914 Mr. Hamilton was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Lorden, of Delhi, who graduated from Syracuse University in 1909. To this union have been born two children: Jack, who is nine years old; and Alfred C., Jr., now five years of age. Mr. Hamilton is a member of Delhi Lodge, No. 439, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Lions Club at Nyack and is president of the Rockland County Teachers' Association. Since coming to Nyack he has won a large number of warm personal friends, as well as the uniform respect and confidence of the entire community, for he is recognized as a man of fine mental equipment, high professional ideals and definite accomplishment.

## JOSEPH ROY HARDY

Although a resident of Mount Vernon for less than a year, Joseph Roy Hardy has already become well established in business and is known to local automobile owners as the proprietor of the Broadway Garage at 315 East Third street. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, January 5, 1884, and is a son of Norman and Ida M. (Cameron) Hardy. Reared in his native city, he acquired a public school education and early in his business career had charge of the men's department of the Boston Mercantile Agency, furnishing trained help to business men of that city. He was next with the H. T. Dean Company of Everett, Massachusetts, representing that concern on the road as a tobacco salesman, and with his return to Boston he engaged in the gas and oil business on Broadway. Afterward he became personnel manager of the Colonial Beacon Oil Company of Boston and subsequently was associated with Sobel Brothers of New York city

in the same capacity. In 1931 he came to Mount Vernon and on the 1st of March leased the building which he now occupies. His garage is one hundred and twenty-five by two hundred and thirty feet and has a storage capacity of three hundred and fifty cars. He has a well equipped service station and handles gas and oil. The business is capably conducted and the number of his patrons is steadily increasing. The Broadway Garage is modern to the ultimate degree and is noted for its sanitation. It has four entrances and is the largest garage in Westchester county, having a spacious showroom which is used by the Clover Motor Sales Company in displaying the Studebaker line of cars.

In 1916, Mr. Hardy was married to Miss Lucy E. Woodworth, who passed away October 6, 1930. She was a daughter of John Woodworth, a prominent business man of Eastport, Maine. Unbiased in political matters, Mr. Hardy carefully ascertains the qualifications of the respective candidates and votes as his judgment dictates. He is broad-minded and liberal in his views on all subjects, and has the energy, determination and ability essential to success in the business world of today.

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## FREDERICK HENRY KEEFE

For over forty-five years the Keefe family has been identified with the Newburgh News, which was established and published for a number of years by the late William H. Keefe. The latter's son, Frederick H. Keefe, is now at the helm of this influential journal, which is regarded as one of the best newspaper properties among the small-city dailies in the Hudson River Valley. Frederick H. Keefe was born in Newburgh, New York, on the 4th of August, 1881, and is a son of William H. and Mary L. (Miller) Keefe, the former of whom was of Irish descent and the latter of German stock. The father, who was a man of ability and enterprise, established the Newburgh News on September 5, 1885, and conducted the paper until his death, which occurred February 15, 1901.



FREDERICK H. KEEFE

Frederick H. Keefe received his educational training in the public schools and a course in business college. He has always lived in Newburgh and from the age of twenty years, when his father died, he has been connected with the News, and though the actual publisher and manager of the paper was for some years Frederick W. Wilson, Mr. Keefe was a constant and effective factor in maintaining the paper at the same high standard of excellence set by the elder Keefe. Some years ago Mr. Keefe became half owner of the paper and in 1925, when Mr. Wilson sold his half interest to Frank E. Gannett, of Rochester, publisher of a number of leading dailies in this state, Mr. Keefe became the publisher and general manager of the News, which position he still retains, being in complete charge of the paper. Through his alliance with Mr. Gannett, Mr. Keefe acquires for his journal the news gathering, editorial and feature facilities of the Gannett group of papers, so that the News is now giving the community a quality of news service not often found in cities of this class. In 1927 Mr. Keefe purchased the Beacon Daily Herald and the Beacon Journal, merging into the present Beacon News. Mr. Gannett is associated in the ownership of this paper in similar manner as the Newburgh News. Mr. Keefe is publisher and general manager, and the two properties are known and sold to the national advertiser as the Newburgh-Beacon News.

On August 28, 1919, in New York city, Mr. Keefe was united in marriage to Miss Helen Boyce, who is of English descent and was born in Brooklyn, New York, on March 1, 1894, a daughter of Harry and Alice Boyce, both of whom were natives of England. In his political views Mr. Keefe has always supported the republican party and has shown an active interest in public affairs. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Kiwanis Club, of which he is a past president; the City Club; the Powelton Club; the Newburgh Automobile Club, of which he is vice president; the Chamber of Commerce, of which he has twice been president and is now chairman of the industrial committee. He is vice president of the city planning commission; is one of the organizers and a

director of the Community Fund; is a director of the Boy Scouts Council; and is chairman of the primary terminal market commission, which hopes to establish in Newburgh the first of nine terminal markets to be developed in the state's plan for aiding the farmers in quick and economic sale of their farm produce; and he is chairman of the local historical marking commission. He is a director of the Columbus Trust Company, a director of the Associated Industries of New York State, representing the Hudson River Valley district, and is also a director of the Hudson Valley Federated Chamber of Commerce. He is a vice chairman of the mechanical committee of the American Newspaper Publishers Association as the representative of the smaller city newspapers. Recently he served as a member of the advisory committee to the department of labor in devising a new code for newspaper plants. His religious membership is with the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Keefe is a busy man, but always finds time to be courteous to all with whom he comes in contact, and throughout the wide range of his acquaintance he is held in high regard for his ability, success and fine personal qualities.

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## T. WILLARD GRIPPIN

In mercantile circles of Saratoga Springs, T. Willard Grippin is widely known as head of the pioneer grocery business owned and conducted by members of the family for fifty-two years, and he also figures prominently in other walks of life. He was born in Wilton, Saratoga county, New York, November 2, 1858, a son of Averill N. and Amy Northrup (Herrick) Grippin. The father, a native of Corinth, Saratoga county, founded the present business in 1879 and was a merchant of high standing. Like his forbears, he possessed a deeply religious nature and four generations of the family have been active in church work. He departed this life in 1926, long surviving his wife, who passed away in 1905. Their daughter, Carrie May Grippin, was married to Lewis War-

ren Ellsworth, of Saratoga Springs, and they have three children, Louise Briggs, Ray Grippin and Marion Ellsworth. Mrs. Ellsworth is an active worker in the First Methodist Church, having taught a class in the Sunday school for many years, and at present is teacher of the women's adult Bible class, which has the largest enrollment of any similar class in northern New York.

T. Willard Grippin pursued his studies in the grammar and high schools of Saratoga Springs and when his education was completed entered his father's store. His life has been devoted to the development of the business, which has grown and prospered under his careful and efficient management. He carries a large line of staple and fancy groceries and conducts the leading store in Saratoga Springs. His is also one of the oldest mercantile institutions of this part of the state and customers of the firm have always found them courteous, honest and dependable. From the time of its organization Mr. Grippin has been a director of the Saratoga National Bank and he is one of the stockholders of The G. F. Harvey Company, a local chemical industry.

On the 19th of November, 1895, Mr. Grippin was married in Saratoga Springs to Miss Lillian J. James, born May 14, 1871, at Fair Haven, Vermont, a daughter of Samuel James and Hannah (Towne) James, the former a native of England, while the latter was born in Moriah, New York, and both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Grippin have three sons. The eldest is Theodore James, born November 13, 1896, who acts as manager of his father's business. He is a veteran of the World war and active in the local American Legion and the Lions Club. He married Miss Catherine McGrath, of New Rochelle, New York, and they have one child, Anna Lillian, born in 1922. George Herrick, born January 2, 1898, is the proprietor of a radio store in Saratoga Springs. In this city he married Miss Katherine Freeman, by whom he has two children, Averill Louisa and Joan Kay, the former three and the latter two years of age. Rev. Frank Willard Grippin, born September 7, 1900, was graduated from the Green Mountain College, the Western Maryland College and from the Drew Theological Seminary of New Jersey. He was married

July 10, 1929, to Miss Helen Northrup, of Proctor, Vermont, and they now reside in Speculator, New York, where he is pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Willard Grippin make their home at 157 Caroline street and his business is located at 47-49 on the same thoroughfare. They find keen enjoyment in travel and during their trip abroad in 1930 visited eleven countries of Europe, spending a few days in Oberammergau, where they witnessed the famous Passion Play. They are zealous members of the First Methodist Church of Saratoga Springs and Mr. Grippin is president of its board of trustees. Formerly he was superintendent of the Sunday school, thus serving for fourteen years. Mrs. Grippin was a teacher in the Sunday school for many years, and belongs to the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies of the church. Mrs. Grippin is deeply interested in the affairs of the Hawley Home for Children, serving as chairman of the house committee. She is one of the Daughters of the American Revolution and Mr. Grippin is eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution, for one of his ancestors was a soldier in the Continental Army. In politics he is a republican and served for several years on the local board of education. During the period of the World war he promoted the sale of Liberty bonds and was active in the various drives instituted by the government at that time. His influence is ever on the side of movements for civic growth and betterment, while in business affairs he manifests the sagacity, forcefulness and progressiveness which characterized his father's commercial career.

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## PETER BRADLEY

As one of the veteran merchants of Greenwich, Washington county, Peter Bradley holds an honored position in this community, where he was born December 2, 1867. He is a son of Patrick and Mary (Monahan) Bradley, who were natives of Ireland and Scotland, respectively, and are now deceased. They

were married in Scotland, after which they came to the United States and settled in Greenwich, New York, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Patrick Bradley was a railroad man by occupation. Seven children were born to him and his wife, three of whom survive. In addition to Peter Bradley, there are Katherine, who is the wife of James A. Kelly and a resident of Mechanicville, New York, and John, who resides in Manchester, New Hampshire, and is the father of four children.

Peter Bradley received his education in the common schools. His first work was done in a linen thread mill, where he was employed for seven years. In 1901 he established himself in the grocery business in a store opposite the Greenwich depot, and in this one spot he has conducted his affairs with eminent success ever since. He carries a large and well selected stock of merchandise, and delivers to his patrons within a radius of three miles.

In 1897, Mr. Bradley took as his wife Miss Anna McMahon, who is a native of the town of Greenwich, and to their marriage have been born three children, Paul, Elizabeth, and Peter L. The last named married Vera Ryan of Greenwich, New York, and they have a daughter, Betsy Ann. All three of Mr. Bradley's children are associated with him in the grocery business.

In public affairs of Greenwich, Mr. Bradley has been a prominent figure. He is a democrat in his political affiliation, and is one of the strongest supporters of the party in the county. He has held the office of village trustee by repeated elections for a number of years and is still serving in that capacity in a most creditable and commendable manner. His religious connection, and that of his family, is with St. Joseph's parish of the Roman Catholic Church. Fraternally, he belongs to the Knights of Columbus, in which order he has held the offices of deputy grand knight and grand knight, and has served on the building fund committee for the past three years. He is associated also with the Building and Loan Association of Greenwich.

Mr. Bradley has been enthusiastic in lending his aid to various movements designed for the welfare of his native village

and county, and well deserves the reputation he holds as a public-spirited citizen. He enjoys the utmost confidence of his patrons by reason of his honest dealing with them, and his care in selecting choice and high-grade stocks for his store. His business establishment is his pride, and in its conduct and in the companionship of his family he finds his greatest enjoyment in life.

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## EDWIN NICKERSON

After many years of activity in the lumber industry Edwin Nickerson is now living largely retired near Middletown, devoting a considerable portion of his time to public service. Born in Kingston, New York, April 20, 1859, he is a scion of an English family that was founded in America in 1639, settlement being made in and around Boston. The grandfather, Zalmon Nickerson, and the father, George W. Nickerson, were natives of Southeast township, Putnam county, New York. The mother, Amelia (Johnson) Nickerson, was a native of Rockland county, New York, and a daughter of Walter and Elizabeth (Sherwood) Johnson. To Mr. and Mrs. George Nickerson were born seven children, of whom four survive: Edwin; Walter J., whose home is in Tarrytown, New York; Samuel S., a resident of West Nyack, New York; and Lillie, who is the wife of Edward Raqué, of West Englewood, New Jersey.

The advantages of a public school education were accorded Edwin Nickerson, who first worked for a lumber concern and later entered that field independently. For thirty years he successfully engaged in the lumber business and at the time of his retirement purchased a beautiful country estate at Dolson Town. He has always been a lover of fine horses and maintains a riding academy, which has a large patronage. His lumber interests were at Ridgewood, New Jersey.

In 1886 Mr. Nickerson was married to Miss Anna Westervelt, a daughter of John R. and Rachel (Halstead) Westervelt, of Ramapo Valley, Bergen county, New Jersey. Mrs. Nickerson

passed away in 1924, leaving two sons. John D., the elder, a graduate of the Ridgewood high school, married Josephine Murray, of Brooklyn, New York, and is engaged in business in Philadelphia. George Lloyd was graduated from Cornell University in 1913 and during the World war enlisted in the United States Army, joining the engineering forces. He was made second lieutenant of Company E, a unit of the Twenty-sixth or Yankee Division, commanded by General Edwards, and after a year's service in France was sent back to the United States to train the men in a company which was then being formed at Camp Humphreys, Virginia. There he was stationed until the signing of the armistice, when he was mustered out of service as captain, and is now connected with the New York highway department, located at Poughkeepsie. He married Miss Florence L. Woodring, of Easton, Pennsylvania, and their children are Richard Edwin and Cynthia A.

Fraternally Mr. Nickerson is identified with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, belonging to Ridgewood Lodge, No. 252. He has membership in the First Presbyterian Church and is a republican in his political views.

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## JOSHUA ANTHONY

After a long life of activity and usefulness as a manufacturer of baking powder, spices and flavoring extracts, Joshua Anthony is now living retired in Stillwater and has reached the venerable age of ninety-two years. Of sturdy New England stock, he was born in Adams, Massachusetts, February 16, 1839, of the marriage of Joshua Anthony and Lydia T. Buffington, who were natives of the same town. Death deprived Mr. Anthony of his father in 1841, and the mother passed away in 1842. The children in the family were reared by their maternal grandparents, Zephaniah and Joanna (Wells) Buffington, who lived in Cheshire, Massachusetts, noted in those days only for making the largest cheese ever produced and for its loyalty to the Pitts-

field Sun, a democratic newspaper. This paper was read in every home in the town and was termed the "Cheshire Bible." Later the Buffington family removed to the state of New York, settling in Half Moon, Saratoga county, where the children of Joshua and Lydia Anthony grew to maturity under the care and guidance of their Quaker grandparents, who had one of the productive farms of that part of the Hudson River Valley.

Reared in a rural community, Joshua Anthony acquired a district school education. Inheriting a speculative turn of mind, the farm held no charms for him and he drifted into the manufacture of Anthony's Universal baking powder. He started with a small capital and under his shrewd management the business steadily grew until today it is of large proportions. The firm manufactures baking powder and all kinds of spices and flavoring extracts for the New York city trade. From the outset they have maintained a high standard of production and their output has a wide sale. The operation of the mill is under the direct supervision of Mr. Anthony's two sons, Sidney Joshua and Ira Joshua.

Mr. Anthony has long voted with the republican party but has never been an office seeker, preferring to remain in the background. The following interesting bit of information is from his pen: "The Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company built a branch from Mechanicville to Schenectady in 1882, and the first station, five miles from Mechanicville, is called Ushers. At first I named it Hammond, in honor of C. D. Hammond, for over twenty-five years superintendent of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company. In getting a post office, I could not call it Hammond on account of there being a railway station and post office of that name in St. Lawrence county, so I changed the name to Ushers, New York, which I took from a man who operated a grist mill years ago under the name of Ushers Mills, leaving the 'Mills' off. The post office department, after looking over lists of post offices, could not find one by the name of Ushers. Two miles west of Ushers, on the Delaware & Hudson Railroad, there is another railroad station a mile south of Jonesville which is called Elnora,

and a post office named Elnora, the Christian name of the wife of C. D. Hammond, the general superintendent of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Company. Ushers is in the town of Halfmoon, which takes in part of Mechanicville, and Elnora is in the town of Clifton Park, adjoining Schenectady." Upon the solid foundation of integrity and honor was reared the fair fabric of Mr. Anthony's successful career and through the upbuilding of a great industry he has made notable contribution to the world's work. Modest and unassuming, he has quietly, conscientiously and efficiently performed his part on the stage of life and is the possessor of those qualities which command respect and inspire strong and enduring regard.

Mr. Anthony was married on March 23, 1868, to Mary E. Ingraham, who was born April 5, 1841, in Fulton county, New York, and whose death occurred March 20, 1928. She was a daughter of William and Sila (Gilbert) Ingraham and granddaughter of Judge Samuel A. and Abigail (Wells) Gilbert. Judge Gilbert, who served as county judge of Fulton and Hamilton counties, came to Mayfield, New York, in 1804, from Gilead, town of Hebron, Connecticut. Mr. Anthony's interest centers in his children, of whom Sidney Joshua, the eldest, was born February 8, 1869. At Clifton Park, New York, he married Eliza M. Philo, a daughter of Abijah and Adaline (Mott) Philo, and they have two children: Addie May, who was born April 11, 1902, and is the wife of Millard Hayner, of Half Moon, New York, and the mother of two children, Margery and Irene; and Lydia Sila, who was born January 23, 1904, and married Russell George, a chemist, who was born in Mechanicville, New York. Ira Joshua Anthony, the second son, was born February 19, 1873, and at Ushers, New York, married Jessie Elizabeth Close, who was born February 17, 1874, a daughter of William and Emma (Knight) Close. The two children of this marriage are: Dorothy Elizabeth, who was born October 6, 1901, and is now the wife of Arthur Collins, of Stillwater, New York, a contractor on state roads; and Joshua Harlan, born March 22, 1908. Sila G. Anthony, who completes the family, was born November 25, 1880, and is at home.

Mr. Anthony is a veteran Mason, having been a member of the order for more than sixty-five years. He received the degree of Master Mason in Montgomery Lodge, No. 504, at Stillwater, in March, 1866, and when On-da-wa Lodge, No. 820, was formed at Mechanicville he became a charter member and has been a trustee since its organization. He is also a member of Waterford Chapter, No. 169, R. A. M.; Bloss Council, No. 14, R. & S. M.; Apollo Commandery, No. 15, K. T.; Albany Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Oriental Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Troy.

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## JOSEPH HENRY CLARK

Nationally known as a glove manufacturer, Joseph Henry Clark established at Saratoga a large industry of great importance and value to the city, where he made his home for eighteen years, and enjoyed the distinction of leadership in his particular field. He was born in London, England, August 31, 1852, a son of Joseph H. and Sarah (Bristow) Clark, who were also natives of that country.

The educational advantages of Joseph H. Clark, Jr., were afforded by the schools of his native city, which he left in 1880, hoping to secure better opportunities for advancement in the United States, and in this he was not disappointed, achieving a measure of prosperity far beyond his expectations. He made his home in Brooklyn, New York, for nine years and in 1889 began his career as a manufacturer at Argusville, New York, where he built a textile mill which was later destroyed by fire. He then located in Sidney, New York, and there founded the Clark Fabric Company in 1893. The business grew and prospered and in 1906 he removed to Saratoga Springs to engage in the manufacture of silk gloves. Here he erected the Clark textile plant on the site known as the Empire Springs property and his factory was first in this rank in the United States. He sold the Sidney plant shortly after his departure from that town and in 1919 his Saratoga Springs factory was purchased by the Van Raalte Company. In



JOSEPH H. CLARK

all of his relations with the trade Mr. Clark strove to engender and maintain a finer ideal of service and to uphold the high standards of American manufacture. Throughout life he was guided by the principles of truth and honor and left behind him the imperishable monument of splendid dreams realized. In addition to his industrial activities he was identified with financial interests as a director of the Adirondack Trust Company. His influence and support were ever on the side of movements for the welfare and advancement of his city and state and he was particularly interested in educational matters, acting as chairman of the committee in charge of the two hundred thousand dollar fund of Skidmore College at Saratoga Springs.

On the 16th of March, 1878, Mr. Clark was married to Miss Ellen Dutson, a daughter of Robert A. Dutson, of Bristol, England, and they became the parents of two sons, Robert G. and Alfred S., who are represented elsewhere in this work.

Generous and public-spirited, Mr. and Mrs. Clark in January, 1921, gave to the Bethesda Protestant Episcopal Church at Saratoga Springs a twenty-five thousand dollar organ in loving memory of their respective parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Dutson. They also presented an organ to the Episcopal Church in Miami, Florida. During the World war Mrs. Clark was very active in patriotic affairs and in relief work. She is a member of the board of managers of Bethesda Parish House and served on the board of managers of Saratoga Hospital for more than twenty years. She occupies the family home at No. 628 North Broadway, Saratoga Springs, where Mr. Clark passed away September 4, 1924, at the age of seventy-two years. He was admired for his enterprise and exceptional business ability, esteemed for his notable accomplishments, and loved for that gentle, sympathetic nature which caused him to appreciate the good in others and to bestow a kindly smile and cheering word upon all with whom he was associated in the varied relations of life.

Eight years before his death Mr. Clark wrote the following article, which was published in pamphlet form and a copy of

which was given to each of his employes on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into business life.

"PROMOTING MYSELF"

By Joseph H. Clark

"I chose the above title for this pronouncement for two reasons—because it has an interesting look and it is such an apt expression of just what is to take place.

"You may well ask—how can the President promote himself? There is no higher rung than the highest.

"But there IS a higher position than being President—and that is President Emeritus.

"Now the difference between an ordinary President and President Emeritus is in the amount of work performed.

"A President Emeritus is a kind of 'looker on.' But it takes a whole lot of time and effort to become a 'P. E.' It has taken me fifty years!—from 1866 to 1916.

"Since 1889 I have nursed and nurtured the Clark Textile Company from the swaddling clothes of Argusville to the full dress of Saratoga Springs (where health and fashion meet).

"Now I am going to let up on some of the strenuous duties that must necessarily burden the 'G. M.' of an institution that has grown as large as the home of Clark's Silk Gloves.

"Of course you are wondering who is to take up most of the work I propose to relinquish. Let me tell you!

"It will be my two sons and Mr. Max D. Schwabe, a trio whose experience and executive ability would be hard to match.

"The former, Robert G. and Alfred S., have been actively and officially connected with the company for many years; they were literally and actually born and bred in the Silk Glove Business.

"Mr. Schwabe's recent connections make him worthy of any place of responsibility and honor in the glove world, his twenty-five years' experience assures a wealth of glove knowledge and his pleasing personality entitles him to a place in your very closest confidence! He will take up his duties in connection with the Clark Textile Company on September the First.

"On that day I will turn over to the 'Big Three'—how's that?

a good part of the work that has formerly taken up so much of my time, and promote myself to the position of President Emeritus of the House I have spent the biggest and best part of my life in building.

"Am I going to retire? Not a bit of it! It would be a sin against progress for a young fellow like me to reach for the rocking chair. I shall still be around (inside or outside), still on the job, still thinking, planning and building.

"But (let me whisper) I intend to use all the prerogatives of a President Emeritus, and particularly that one which permits him to smile at the time clock without ringing in or out.

"On this, the Fiftieth anniversary of my entry into business life, which is also the occasion of promoting myself to the position of President Emeritus and the introduction of Mr. Schwabe, I most willingly and gladly acknowledge my indebtedness to the entire staff of the Company that bears my name and to every acquaintance in the commercial world. I don't believe the English language is capable of phrasing the feeling deep down in my heart for all the men and women in the mill and out in the trade, who have cooperated with me so long and so faithfully. To my way of thinking, no prosperity, however great, can possibly compare with the feeling of pleasure that comes from a knowledge of the personal affection that exists between employee and employer and the honest regard of business acquaintances and friends.

JOSEPH H. CLARK,
Saratoga Springs, New York,
August 24, 1916."

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## HON. EDGAR TRUMAN BRACKETT

A distinguished career was that of the late Hon. Edgar Truman Brackett of Saratoga Springs, New York. In the practice of law, in political affairs, in the senate of New York state, and as a public benefactor, his record of achievement was truly notable.

Senator Brackett was born at Emerson's Corners, in the town

of Wilton, Saratoga county, New York, July 30, 1853, and was a son of William and Elisabeth (Sherman) Brackett. When he was yet in his childhood, his parents moved to Mount Vernon, Linn county, Iowa, and there he was reared to young manhood. He graduated from Cornell College, a Methodist Episcopal denominational school in Mount Vernon, in 1872, and in September of the same year he came to Saratoga Springs, New York. His subsequent career, so rich in accomplishments and personal victories, was one of many phases, the principal ones of which may be termed the legal, the political or public service, and the citizenship.

The first of these, the legal, began in fact just after he had come to Saratoga Springs. He took up the study of law in the office of Pond & French. He applied himself assiduously to his training, and in June, 1875, he was admitted to the New York state bar at the Elmira general term, and in the same month his alma mater honored him by conferring upon him the degree of Master of Arts. It may be noted here, as a slight digression, that Cornell College gave him the degree of Master of Laws in 1898, and that in his later life the senator served as a trustee of that institution. In the spring of 1876, he became a member of the firm with which he had studied, and it became known as Pond, French & Brackett. Later he became a partner in the firm of Brackett, Butler & Baucus, and in 1892 he established himself in practice alone, with an office in the city hall, where he subsequently always maintained his headquarters. He continued alone in the practice until 1917, when the firm of Brackett, Todd, Wheat & Wait was organized, all of the junior partners having been associated with him in his office for many years. This firm was dissolved August 15, 1921, at the time Mr. Todd was appointed United States attorney for the northern district of New York. In January, 1922, Senator Brackett, upon invitation, became senior member of the firm of Stanchfield & Levy in New York city, and remained a member until his death. The title of the firm became Edgar T. Brackett, Stanchfield & Levy. The senator succeeded the late Hon. John B. Stanchfield in this partnership, and was urged to assume the connection by Mr. Levy,

for whom he had conducted a number of important cases in New York city during the previous year. A volume could be written about the cases which Senator Brackett conducted during his legal career.

One of the principal cases of his life was that of the impeachment of Governor Sulzer of New York in 1913. Senator Brackett was employed as counsel for the assembly board of managers which brought Governor Sulzer to trial on charges of impeachment on September 18th. Sulzer faced a number of charges, including the filing with the state of a false statement of his campaign receipts and expenditures, perjury in the same connection and bribery of witnesses. The court in this case consisted of the judges of the court of appeals and the members of the state senate. Senator Brackett, as the legal head, had associated with him a brilliant group of attorneys, among them such men as Alton B. Parker, former chief justice of the court of appeals; Eugene Lamb Richards of New York city; Hiram C. Todd of Saratoga Springs, New York; John B. Stanchfield of New York city; and Isadore J. Kresel, also of New York city. Opposing counsel, representing Governor Sulzer, consisted of Ex-Judge D. Cady Herrick; Irving C. Vann, of Syracuse, and former judge of the court of appeals; Louis Marshall, New York city; Judge James Jay Jordon, Philadelphia; Austin G. Fox, New York city; and former senator Harvey D. Hinman of Binghamton. Rarely has such an eminent group of legal counsel been assembled for a trial in this country. Senator Brackett won renown by his masterful handling of this case. His opening address, when he replied to Sulzer counsel's attack on the validity of the impeachment proceedings, cited the history of impeachment trials in England and the United States and the laws pertaining thereto. This address has become an authority on this particular subject. Henry Morgenthau, in his biography, described Senator Brackett as the Warren Hastings of the Sulzer trial. As history records, of course, Governor Sulzer was impeached.

Another case of note in which Senator Brackett appeared was the so-called ship-building case, an action in which Charles H.

Kavanaugh of Waterford sued on behalf of himself and other stockholders in the Commonwealth Trust Company, formerly the Trust Company of the Republic, to recover money supposed to have been lost by the trust company through investments in the United States Shipbuilding Company. The defendants were the directors of the trust company. Litigation dragged through the courts for several years after it started in 1904, but eventually Senator Brackett, representing the plaintiff, forced the case to trial in the supreme court chambers in Saratoga Springs. He won a fine victory, and judgment was brought against the defendants, the court ruling that the directors were responsible for the company even though they knew nothing of the business details.

Senator Brackett successfully defended General Austin Lathrop, superintendent of prisons, against charges brought by the governor. In January, 1923, he appeared for Walter W. Law, state tax commissioner, whom Governor Smith desired to remove from office. Afterward, Law was expelled from his position. The senator was attorney for Judge Selah B. Strong, whom the Nassau County Bar Association sought to remove in 1923, but the legislative committee which investigated exonerated Judge Strong. One of the senator's last cases was his appearance as counsel for the Anti-Saloon League in the proceedings resulting from the demand of the residents of Troy that the league be declared a political organization. He was unable to appear personally before the appellate division on appeal of a judgment against the league, but he composed a brief, which was submitted to the court. The appellate division afterward decided against the league. Senator Brackett took the part of an organization which perhaps was unpopular, but he assumed the duty because he believed in it himself, faith in his own judgment having been one of his strong characteristics. Another case, in which his participation was motivated by his feeling against wide-open gambling, was the trial of the libel suit brought by Edward T. Carroll, former chief of police, against The Saratogian, which had charged him with neglect of duty. Senator Brackett, representing the Saratogian, cross-examined Carroll so skillfully that

the plaintiff's case collapsed completely, and the jury brought in a verdict of no cause for action, thus backing up the Saratogian's charges. The senator was in no sense a reformer of narrow views, but he was opposed to gambling in the city where youths were permitted to participate. His star witnesses in this particular trial were two small boys who had gambled in one of the many dives in Saratoga Springs at this time.

Another great phase of Senator Brackett's life was his public service. He loved politics and its thrill of combat, and in the political arena he was an antagonist of perfected technique and extraordinary ability. His first political field naturally was Saratoga county, where he learned well the fundamentals of politics from the various leaders of this territorial division. Then, in 1895, he was nominated for the senate in the old twenty-eighth district, which was then composed of Saratoga, Schenectady and Warren counties, all republican. He was elected by a large majority, and thus began a political career of note, which brought to him transcendent fame. It has been stated that he was "a champion of independence of political action within his party; a stanch defender of the theory of equality of all before the law, and a bitter opponent of special privilege." When he took his seat in the senate in 1897, the insurance companies practically controlled all of the state legislation. They manipulated the election of United States senators and state officers according to their interests; maintained an expensive lobby in Albany, and otherwise conducted their unlawful procedure. Through the state insurance laws, written as the companies desired and obtained through connivance, the insurance corporations were immune from lawsuits and wielded unlimited power. This condition, and the power of bossism over the state legislature, were those which Senator Brackett faced when he entered the senate and, unlike certain other legislators, he did not accede to the customary demands, but strongly opposed them from the very beginning. He took his first step in opposition to this situation about a year after he took his seat, during the winter of 1897, when he introduced a series of bills to amend the insurance laws by removing

all special protection given the companies as against their policy-holders. The father of these bills knew they would never pass, and his knowledge was affirmed when the senate committee killed them, but the fight was just started. The senate voted down an attempt by Senator Brackett to overrule the committee, but his courage and spirit were shown by his own speech in the senate on March 22d, in which he stated in part: "I will make these bills the cause of the holder of every policy in every part of the state. If my vote shall be the only vote in favor of these bills I am willing to stand upon the record. I speak to a wider audience than this senate, an audience which makes and unmakes senators. Any government that is worthy of the name looks after the interest of the people who are financially unable to look after themselves in their dealings with the stronger and wealthier. We must pass upon these questions and we must pass upon them right; and in my judgment the bills which are proposed are the first step toward passing on the question between corporate greed and power on the one hand and the plain people who are utterly unable to help themselves, on the other." Eventually the cause which the senator championed won, and the people demanded an investigation of the insurance companies. However, through his antagonism to the political bosses, he was not appointed to the investigating committee. Year after year prior to this time, he had introduced his bills, but each time they had met defeat before the committee. Joining forces with him were two other senators of like viewpoint, namely: Senator Elon R. Brown of Watertown and Senator Nathaniel A. Elsberg of New York city. These men made a triumvirate, beginning in 1903, which bitterly and consistently opposed the fact that one man could boss the party, in this instance Senator Thomas Platt, and eventually Platt lost his political power.

The fight which Senator Brackett and his two comrades in arms made against Platt is an interesting part of New York political history. They did not always stand on the republican side, but often aligned themselves with the opposition, all with the purpose of opposing the Platt system. Before the session of 1903,

Senator Brackett had supported Governor Odell, who was reelected by a close vote. Word was passed soon after that Senator Platt had ordered the election of John Raines as president of the senate, and this had been concurred in by the republican majority. Senator Brackett and his confreres, however, refused to join the ranks. Raines was elected president of the senate by one vote, and Platt later was reelected senator despite the opposition of Senators Brackett, Brown and Elsberg. It is conceded that the fight put up by these worthy representatives of the people contributed signally to the later downfall of the Platt regime, when Elihu Root succeeded Platt in 1909. Senator Brackett always affirmed that his opposition was never to the republican party, but instead was directed against the Platt political autocracy, which is the unquestioned truth.

Senator Brackett continued his fight against bossism through later sessions of the legislature. In the fall of 1904, after he was reelected, he joined a group of members at the request of Governor Odell (who was retiring in favor of Governor Higgins) to prevent the reelection of Senator Chauncey M. Depew. The idea was to advance former Governor Frank S. Black for senator and Odell was to be state republican chairman. The effort was fruitless, though, and soon afterward Odell joined sympathies with Depew, which led Senator Brackett openly to charge him with treachery. Senator Brackett expressed his stand with pointed phrases in these words: "If the state prefers to continue unrepresented in the senate, I am sure she has the right. Genial and mediocre, Senator Depew will not do anything very bad. Corporate interests may not be vised quite so closely as we should like, but we are used to that. Some of us had hoped for better things—that republican manhood might count for more in the choice than an ability to collect money for use on election day. Yet I have learned—learned some things and some men. But I have held to the truth, broken no faith and fought in the open. I hope that everyone connected with the transaction has the same comfortable reflection, but I doubt it."

In 1898, on his reelection, Senator Brackett was honored by

his appointment as chairman of the judiciary committee, and on other committees until he first left the senate in 1906. A comprehensive summary of the senator's memorable campaign against insurance corporations is stated in the introduction to his published volume of addresses. This follows:

"Probably the most noteworthy service that Senator Brackett rendered to the state and country at large was his tenacious effort to curb the career of dishonesty and greed on the part of the officers of many of the great life insurance companies. By instinct a champion of 'the man without a vest,' for years he stood almost alone in the legislature in a fight against the corrupt influences of these great corporations.

"During every session of the legislature after he became a member of the senate, by the introduction of bills to reform the insurance law and while urging their passage in many stirring speeches, he arraigned the insurance grafters and disclosed the wild extravagances and deceit by which the policyholders were being defrauded. He introduced a bill to repeal Section 56 of the insurance law, which section made it impossible for the holder of a life insurance policy to sue the company for an accounting and learn the honest earnings of his policy.

"He also offered a resolution providing for the legislative investigation of life insurance companies doing business in this state. These measures when first introduced were supported by the votes of only four of Senator Brackett's confreres, but his voice was heard beyond the senate chamber, and as a direct result of his stalwart fight the people rose in their might and forced an investigation which not only vindicated his position, but laid bare one of the greatest scandals of the century."

At the July session of 1905, Governor Higgins, forced by public clamor, asked the legislature for authorization to investigate the insurance companies. The legislature so voted, but, through alleged influence of republican bosses, Senator Brackett's name was omitted from the investigating committee appointed. It may be noted that Charles Evans Hughes, then just an attorney of ordinary rank, received the place. Such revelations were made

in the investigation that astounded the public, and in the legislative session of 1906 the committee reported recommendations for extensive changes in the insurance laws, the same practically as Senator Brackett had been advocating for almost a decade previously. He created another rousing stir in the January, 1906, session, when he introduced a resolution for the purpose of placing the senate on record as demanding the resignation of Senator Chauncey M. Depew, whom he characterized as representing the interests of Wall street and big finance. His cause was hopeless, however, and his own vote was the only one cast for his resolution. Republican leaders opposed Senator Brackett so strongly that he failed to be renominated later in the year. He did have the comfort of seeing the investigating committee bring in a report suggesting changes in the insurance laws to correct the faults which he had opposed.

Senator Brackett made considerable headway during his last term toward the republican candidacy for the governorship of New York. Governor Higgins was a candidate for relection, but on the eve of the convention he withdrew. Republican leaders were called into conference with President Roosevelt in Washington, but the president, who felt unkindly toward Senator Brackett, opposed his candidacy and advocated Charles Evans Hughes. Senator Brackett, seeing the hopelessness of the situation, dismissed his delegates, and Hughes was nominated on the first ballot and later elected. President Roosevelt's feeling toward the senator was caused by a letter which the latter had written before, questioning Roosevelt's renomination.

Senator Brackett was renominated for the senate in 1906, but again the bosses of the party turned their attention toward him, to remove him from the senate. Saratoga and Schenectady counties then comprised the thirty-first senatorial district, with equal number of delegates. At the convention held a deadlock arose, with Schenectady voting for William W. Wemple and Saratoga for Brackett. Finally, Schenectady, with the assistance of two Saratoga county delegates, held a rump convention and nominated Wemple, who was elected the following autumn.

Absent from the senate during 1907 and 1908, Senator Brackett was reelected in the fall of 1908 and again in 1910. The republican senators in 1911 named him as their candidate for president pro tem, the democrats having the majority, and in this way he became the minority leader for the session of 1911-12. His later terms in the senate were characterized by his stanch adherence to the old constitutional ideas of government and fidelity to his strong views as to what constituted good government. Then, in the fall of 1912, he announced his retirement from political activities, and left the business of fighting the political battles to others. It is interesting to note the characteristic manner in which he expressed himself on retirement. "Am I glad to get out? I certainly am. I have served in the senate fifteen of the last seventeen years. One time, six years ago, I was defeated for renomination by the failure of two delegates to vote for me after I had by permission of the county convention, named them as delegates to the senatorial convention. The other times the renominations were unanimous. I shall with joy resume the practice of law and hope in time to work up quite a business. I have some plans that I hope will be of benefit to the village, but they are undeveloped yet. And I know of nothing better that can come to a man in politics than to hold the office he likes as long as he wishes, never to have been beaten at the polls through the long years of his service, to retire of his own volition, and to have the satisfaction of having a friend succeed him." Senator Brackett referred to George H. Whitney, who had been elected senator in his place. Later, their political and personal friendship was severed, and led to a factional fight in Saratoga county which covered a period of several years.

While Senator Brackett had retired from active politics, he still took an absorbed interest in political affairs. He was solicited to hold office, but he always declined, preferring to remain in his practice, to live in his residence village, and to enjoy his family and books. He declined, among other things, a unanimous nomination for the supreme court bench, and at the republican convention of 1913 received one hundred and fifty votes for the nomina-

tion to the office of chief judge of the court of appeals to succeed Judge Edgar M. Cullen. He had hosts of friends in political circles. The late Presidents Harding and Taft were personal friends, and Governor Smith was a friend dating from their days together in the legislature. His political friendships went deeper than this surface; his friends loved him on account of his fine character, his enjoyable presence, and his loyalty to those who were faithful to his friendship. In New York city, on January 22, 1908, there was organized the Hughes League, for the nomination of Governor Hughes for the presidency, and to this organization Senator Brackett was called as president. He spoke on February 26th following, in Boston, before the New England Iron & Hardware Association in support of Hughes. However, Charles Evans Hughes was later defeated in convention by William Howard Taft. He was a delegate-at-large to the constitutional convention in Albany in 1915, where he participated, as was his fondness, in much of the debate. The constitution adopted, however, was defeated by the voters in the same year. Senator Brackett's last appearance in the senate chamber was on March 28, 1923, when legislative memorial services were held for Senator Brown, and at which he spoke an impressive eulogy.

The phase of Senator Brackett's life which had to do with his interest in his home village of Saratoga Springs, in the institutions therein, and in the welfare of his fellow citizens and friends, is an important one, for notwithstanding how busy he was in political or legal activities, the other things were never beyond his constant attention. One of the chief things accredited to him by posterity is the Saratoga Springs Reservation, one of the finest features of the community, and which grew out of suits brought to prevent gas pumping from the mineral wells south of the city. Senator Brackett represented the gas companies, and during the course of the suits' prosecution he realized that the only way to save the springs for future generations would be through purchase and protection by the state. He later introduced the bill to take over the springs and to provide for an initial appropriation of six hundred thousand dollars. Largely through his own efforts

and the cooperation of other loyal residents of Saratoga county he got the measure passed, and it was signed by Governor Hughes in May, 1909. A stone gateway now stands at the entrance to Congress Park, bearing an inscription of gratitude from Saratogians to Senator Brackett. He later cooperated with Spencer Trask, George Foster Peabody and others in developing the park system of Saratoga Springs, based on the creation of the Reservation. He believed sincerely in having local attractions of permanent character, and all of his efforts in behalf of public matters were guided by this belief.

Another institution of Saratoga Springs which stands as a monument to his work is the Adirondack Trust Company, housed in its beautiful building on Broadway and Church street. This company was founded by Senator Brackett and was his pride. The organization was chartered by the state September 18, 1901, and began business January 2, 1902, since which date it has had steady growth and has been one of the most prosperous companies of its kind in northern New York. The handsome edifice which houses this institution, and which is a show-place of Saratoga county, was built and virtually designed by Senator Brackett. Built of Italian marble, with interior decorations and mottoes of his selection inscribed on the walls, it is a worthy reminder of the character of the man who made all of it possible.

The acquisition of the Clark textile plant for Saratoga Springs was another civic achievement of Senator Brackett. This plant was originally in Sidney, New York, but in the fall of 1905 information came that a removal was being considered. His cooperation in securing the plant was immediately obtained, and a delegation of citizens made a trip of inspection. The result of this trip, and the senator's personal efforts, brought the textile company to Saratoga Springs, where a new mill was built on High Rock avenue and opened in the fall of 1906. A lasting friendship between Senator Brackett and Joseph H. Clark, the Sidney mill owner, resulted from the negotiations concerning this transfer.

The building of the Congress theater, an attractive small playhouse, was another gift of lasting benefit to the city. For many

years, the auditorium of the city hall was the only place for entertainments in the community, but during the winter of 1919 Senator Brackett gave out the information that he had purchased the old Congress Hall ballroom at Broadway and Spring street, with the intention of remodeling it into a theater. He spent generously to make good his promise, and the result was a splendid example of the fine public spirit and love for his home which he so often manifested.

The McGregor golf links, situated in the town of Wilton north of Saratoga Springs, is another large investment the senator made for the general good. In the spring of 1920, announcement was made that four hundred acres of land in Wilton had been purchased by him for the purpose of creating a golf links and erecting a club house which should be equal to the best. He spent thousands of dollars in the beautification of this tract and the conversion of it into a modern golf course. He himself became interested in playing the game of golf during the later years of his life.

Senator Brackett was also principally instrumental in persuading representatives of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to bring their large sanatorium to Mount McGregor. This is one of the country's largest institutions of its kind, and millions of dollars have been spent in bringing it to its present state of perfection. The fifty-thousand-dollar pipe organ which he presented to his church, the Methodist Episcopal, is another of his gifts to his home city. This magnificent instrument was placed in commission in January, 1921. The preservation of the Saratoga battlefield, one of the country's most historic spots, was likewise a consummation for which he labored for years. His bills in the senate for this purpose were killed by the governor's veto, but eventually, through another source, he accomplished his end.

In 1882, Senator Brackett was married to Mary Emma Corliss, of Saratoga Springs, New York, who is a daughter of Charles and Anna (Lang) Corliss of Providence, Rhode Island, and a niece of George H. Corliss, inventor of the Corliss engine. They became the parents of two children. Edgar Truman Brackett,

Jr., the older, died in childhood. Charles Brackett was born November 26, 1892.

The death of Senator Edgar Truman Brackett occurred at his home in Saratoga Springs at 11:15 o'clock on the night of February 27, 1924, following a lingering illness. His body was interred in Greenridge cemetery.

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## JOHN R. SCHWARTZ

In the legal profession John R. Schwartz has found a congenial field of endeavor, well suited to his talents, which have carried him into important relations as district attorney for Dutchess county—an office which he has occupied for about a year. He was born in Poughkeepsie, March 26, 1895, and is a son of Albert and Mary (Rupley) Schwartz, who are also natives of this city. The grandfather, John Schwartz, a native of Germany, settled in Poughkeepsie shortly after his arrival in this country and here he established a cigar factory. He married Mathilda Bayer, who was also of German lineage. Samuel K. Rupley, the maternal grandfather of John R. Schwartz, was a member of a pioneer family of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and served in the Union Army during the Civil war. By her marriage to Albert Schwartz his daughter Mary became the mother of four children: John R.; Edward A.; Helen G., a graduate of Vassar College; and Donald K., a physician.

John R. Schwartz attended the Riverview Military Academy and was next a student at Cornell University, which he left to enter the service of his country at the time of the World war. He was sent to the first officers training camp at Madison barracks, received the commission of second lieutenant, and went overseas. While in France he served with the Forty-ninth Regiment of United States Infantry and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. After his discharge he resumed his studies at Cornell University and was graduated with the class of 1920, winning the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar and entered



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upon his legal career in Poughkeepsie, being associated with Willet E. Hoysradt. His ability soon gained for him public recognition, leading to his appointment as assistant district attorney on the 15th of December, 1922, and for seven years he continued in that capacity, establishing a record which resulted in his election as district attorney in 1929. He took office in January, 1930, and stands squarely for the highest degree of justice, handling violators of the law without fear or favor. His arguments are forceful and convincing, while his deductions are at all times logical.

Mr. Schwartz was married to Miss Anne Lefevre Poucher, a daughter of Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, of Poughkeepsie, and they have one child, Catherine Bu Bois. Mr. Schwartz is identified with the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His college fraternity is Delta Chi and in religious faith he is an Episcopalian. He is a prominent member of the Dutchess County Bar Association and a young man of ability and integrity who has dignified the profession of his choice. Mr. Schwartz is past commander of La Fayette Post, No. 37, of Poughkeepsie, and past state adjutant of the department of New York.

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## CHESTER A. ROIG, D. V. M.

Dr. Chester A. Roig, one of Dutchess county's leading and most successful practitioners in the field of veterinary medicine, with offices at 112 Main street, Poughkeepsie, is a well known native son of this city, born June 18, 1888. His parents were Adolphus S. and Josephine E. (Cope) Roig, the former a native of Cuba and of Spanish descent. The name Roig is of Castilian origin. Adolphus S. Roig, who was a skilled mechanic, settled in Poughkeepsie, New York, in early manhood and here married Miss Josephine E. Cope, a representative of an old Dutchess county family of English lineage. On her mother's side Mrs. Roig was descended from the Orchards, who were also numbered

among the earliest settlers of this region. Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus S. Roig became the parents of two sons, Harold J. and Chester A. The former, a graduate of both Cornell University and Columbia University, is a prominent lawyer and executive of New York city.

Following the completion of a high school course in Poughkeepsie, Chester A. Roig entered the New York State Veterinary College of Cornell University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1910. Throughout the intervening period of twenty-one years he has been continuously engaged in the work of his chosen profession in Poughkeepsie, being accorded a steadily growing practice in recognition of his pronounced skill and ability as a veterinarian. At all times he has kept fully abreast with the progress of the profession through his membership in the Hudson Valley Veterinary Medical Association, the New York State Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association.

In early manhood Dr. Roig was united in marriage to Miss Vivian Melhado, a native of Brooklyn, New York, and they are the parents of two sons, Chester A., Jr., and Herbert Stanley. Dr. Roig is a member of the Kiwanis Club and fraternally is affiliated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in Trinity Methodist Church. Personally, he is a man of pleasing address, frank and kindly in manner and exceedingly popular among his many friends and acquaintances.

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## WALTER HOBSON BELDING

Making thorough preparation for pharmaceutical work, Walter Hobson Belding has successfully engaged in the drug business at Highland Mills for a period of nine years and is the proprietor of a store that would do credit to a city of metropolitan proportions. He was born in Dover Plains, Dutchess county, New York, September 5, 1898, and is a son of Walter Adriance Belding, a

native of the same town. The grandfather, George T. Belding, was a lifelong resident of Dutchess county, in which members of the family have made their homes since pre-Revolutionary times, bearing an active and helpful part in its upbuilding and improvement. The mother, Carrie (Lawrence) Belding, was a daughter of Oliver and Clara (Van Wyck) Lawrence and also a member of colonial families of New York. To Walter A. and Carrie (Lawrence) Belding were born three children: George, who is a railroad employe and lives in Poughkeepsie; Chester, an automobile dealer, engaged in business in Washington, D. C.; and Walter Hobson.

The last named obtained his elementary instruction at Dover Plains and his high school education at Millbrook, New York. This was followed by attendance at Union University and his studies were completed in the Albany College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated in 1919 with the degree of Ph. G. He first worked for a druggist of New York city and rose to the position of manager, which he held for four years. In 1922 he came to Highland Mills and on April 7 of that year here embarked in business under his name, opening a modern drug store, which is regarded as one of the finest institutions of the kind in Orange county. He is careful and thoroughly dependable in filling prescriptions and this is the most important feature of his business, which is capably and successfully conducted. He has won a liberal share of the local trade in drugs and druggists' sundries and also has stock in the Central Valley National Bank, of which he is a director.

Mr. Belding was married September 27, 1919, to Miss Elinor Haight, a daughter of Jay and Estelle Maud (Smith) Haight and also a member of one of the pioneer families of Dutchess county. They now have five children: Patience Ann, Walter Haight, Robert Jay, John Hunting and Elinor Grace.

During the World war Mr. Belding saw active service with the One Hundred and Third United States Engineers, and belongs to Monroe Post, No. 488, of the American Legion. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and for several years

has been prominently associated with the local fire company, of which he was vice president for a time. He is serving as treasurer of the Episcopal Church of Highland Mills and votes with the republican party. He lends the weight of his support to all well defined movements for the growth and betterment of his community and is one of its most progressive and highly esteemed business men.

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## CHARLES DEMAREST KLINE, M. D.

In one of the most exacting of all professions Dr. Charles D. Kline, of Nyack, is achieving a noteworthy success, commanding an extensive practice in medicine and surgery and being officially connected with the Nyack Hospital. He was born at Blauvelt, Rockland county, New York, on the 13th of November, 1866, a son of Michael and Maria (Demarest) Kline. The father, a native of New York city, who died in 1928, was a former mayor of Nyack and a member of the school board. The mother, who was born in Bergen county, New Jersey, was descended from an old Huguenot family dating back to 1600. She passed away in 1923. To Michael and Maria Kline were born five children, as follows: Charles D., of this review; S. Clarence; Margaret; Effie Blauvelt, who is the wife of P. W. Moore, of Hackensack, New Jersey; and Grace M., the wife of R. M. Kellogg, of Mount Vernon. All are living.

Charles D. Kline received his early education in the public schools of Rockland county, and after graduating from high school he entered the medical department of Columbia University, New York city, from which he was graduated with the degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1892. He served his interneship and did special work in St. Francis Hospital, New York city, and in 1894 he located in Nyack, where he has since devoted his attention to the practice of his profession, in which he has met with flattering success. He was one of the incorporators of the Nyack Hospital, of which he has been the manager from its organization, and

has been on the hospital staff. He has also served for thirty years as health officer of the village of Nyack.

On October 12, 1899, Dr. Kline was united in marriage to Miss Charita I. Hall, of Morrisania, New York city, whose father is Judge Ernest Hall of the supreme court of New York county. To this union have been born two children, Ernest Hall and Charita Alma, the latter being a graduate of Radcliffe College and now at home. Ernest Hall Kline is a graduate of the medical school of Cornell University, served his interneship at St. Luke's Hospital, New York city, and is now engaged in the practice of his profession in association with his father at Nyack. Dr. Charles D. Kline is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons and his religious connection is with the Protestant Episcopal Church, of which he is a warden. He is affiliated with the Rockland County Medical Society, the New York State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and is very highly esteemed among his professional brethren, while the confidence which he enjoys among his fellowmen is based on the ability which he has displayed as a physician and surgeon and his sterling personal qualities.

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## THOMAS G. DUNN, D. D. S.

Ballston Spa is fortunate in having for its mayor Dr. Thomas G. Dunn, who has given ample proof of his capacity for public service of this character and is also a successful dentist.. He was born in Hadley, Saratoga county, New York, September 16, 1887, and is a son of Francis J. and Martha Ann (Gillespie) Dunn. The father is very active in civic affairs and has been commissioner of welfare of Saratoga county for the past fifteen years.

Reared in his native town, Dr. Dunn attended its public schools and then went to Schenectady, New York, where he entered Union College, completing his course in 1911 and receiving the Bachelor of Science degree. Afterward he was a student at Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, now a part of the Uni-

versity of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1919. In 1917, while pursuing his education in the Monumental city, he enlisted in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army and was mustered out of the service in 1918. In 1919 he opened an office in Ballston Spa and here he has since followed his profession, gaining a large practice. He utilizes the latest and best dental appliances and has acquired marked skill in his work.

On the 16th of November, 1920, Dr. Dunn was married to Miss Cuba Floruss, of Flemington, Pennsylvania, and they have two children, Thomas, Jr., and Adda Ann. The Doctor was elected mayor in 1929 on the republican ticket, and is giving to the town of Ballston Spa a progressive administration, characterized by needed reforms and improvements. His public spirit is also expressed through his connection with the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club. A Royal Arch Mason, he belongs to Warren Chapter, No. 90, and is also a member of the New York State Dental Society. Studious, industrious and capable, Dr. Dunn has advanced with his profession and as a dental practitioner and a public official of high standing he fills an important place in the life of his community.

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## EDWARD W. MOORE

Mercantile enterprise in Central Valley finds a capable representative in Edward W. Moore, a well known druggist and one of the younger business men of the town. He was born in Newburgh, New York, April 14, 1903, and is a son of Edward Moore, a native of Brooklyn, this state. In childhood the father removed with his parents to New Windsor, New York, and is now manager of the Crawshaw Carpet Works at Newburgh. For seventeen years he was a member of the New York National Guard and was with General Pershing's troops on the Mexican border. Prompted by the spirit of patriotism, he tried to enlist for service in the World war but was rejected because of his age. He married Emma Pine, a member of one of the pioneer families of New-

burgh, and two sons were born to them: Edward W.; and Joseph, who married Margaret Hupsie, of Beacon, New York, and is a prominent artist and interior decorator of New York city.

After attending the public schools and Newburgh Academy, Edward W. Moore enrolled as a student in Columbia University of New York city, where he completed his course in 1925, receiving the degree of Ph. G. He was employed as a pharmacist in Newburgh, continuing his work in that connection after his removal to Central Valley until he was in position to purchase the Belding store, of which he has since been the owner. He exercises great care in compounding prescriptions and conducts a high-class drug store, which is liberally patronized.

Mr. Moore was married February 14, 1926, to Miss Florence B. Herman, a daughter of Fulton and Alice (Biggins) Herman, both natives of Newburgh, and they now have one child, Joyce Alice Moore, born in 1929. Mr. Moore has membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church and casts his ballot for the candidates of the republican party. His college fraternities are Kappa Psi and Sigma Lambda Nu. He belongs to the Central Valley Hose Company and manifests a deep and helpful interest in all matters touching the welfare and advancement of the community with which he has allied his interests. In its business circles he has already won a creditable position and his knowledge, ability and industry insure his continued progress in his particular field of activity.

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## FRANK B. HOWE, JR.

Frank B. Howe, Jr., a member of the bar of Saratoga Springs, his native city, was born January 28, 1894, a son of Frank B. Howe, Sr., who is a native of Moreau, New York, and figures prominently in mercantile circles of Saratoga Springs as head of the millinery and women's furnishings business of F. B. Howe & Company. The mother, Minnie A. (Thompson) Howe, was born in the town of Stony Creek, New York, and passed away

February 23, 1929, leaving a family of three children: Frank B., Jr.; Hattie, the wife of Russell E. Burman, who is associated with the Morning Herald of Gloversville, New York; and Carita, the wife of Harlan Page, who is prominent in musical circles of Saratoga Springs.

After attending the public schools of this city Frank B. Howe, Jr., studied law in Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, where he was graduated in 1916, receiving the degree of LL. B. He enlisted June 4, 1917, and was assigned to Company K, One Hundred and Fifth Regiment of New York Infantry. For eleven months he was on active duty in France, participating in the drive on the Hindenburg line, and was at Mount Kemmel and in other sectors while at the front. He rose to the rank of first lieutenant, serving until April 1, 1919, when he was honorably discharged at Camp Upton, New York, and is now a member of the Officers Reserve Corps of the United States Army.

Owing to his participation in the World war Mr. Howe did not take his legal examination until 1918, when he was admitted to the bar of New York state at Albany during the May term. When released from military duty he entered upon his career as an attorney in Saratoga Springs and here he has since engaged in the general practice of law.

On the 20th of April, 1919, Mr. Howe was married in Saratoga Springs to Miss Hilma A. Heiskanen, a native of Helsingfors, Finland, and a daughter of Michael H. and Alvina (Putkonen) Heiskanen. The father, who was also born in that country, engaged in merchandising until his death in 1927 and is survived by the mother. Mr. and Mrs. Howe reside at 148 Lake avenue, Saratoga Springs. They have four children: James Thomas, who was born March 22, 1922; Elizabeth May, born November 15, 1923; Hilma Harriett, August 2, 1926; and Martha Carita, February 22, 1928.

In religious belief Mr. Howe is a Presbyterian, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. At its organization on November 1, 1922, he was made clerk of the children's court of Saratoga, serving acceptably until July 1, 1930. Along

fraternal lines he has connection with Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M.; Saratoga Lodge, No. 161, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; and the Royal Arcanum. He belongs to the American Legion, to the social branch of that organization, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, and also to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. However, his legal work claims the major portion of his time and attention and his ability has carried him steadily forward in his profession.

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## ROBERT WALMSLEY

Robert Walmsley, cashier of the Nyack National Bank, is one of Nyack's best known business men and has been a strong factor in promoting the growth and prosperity of the institution with which he is officially identified. He was born in Albany, New York, in 1884, a son of Robert and Adeline (Ruso) Walmsley. The father, who was a native and lifelong resident of Albany, died about twenty-five years ago. His wife was a descendant of an old Huguenot family which came to this country early in the seventeenth century.

Robert Walmsley received his early education in the public schools of his native city, and after graduating from high school he attended Columbia University. He then entered the Harvard Law School, from which he was graduated in 1914, and he is thus well equipped for the position which he is so ably filling. He has devoted his attention tirelessly to the interests of the Nyack National Bank, which institution has long been one of the leading factors in the commercial prosperity of the community which it serves.

Mr. Walmsley is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons; the Harvard Club of New York; the Harvard Law School Association; the Nyack Chapter of the American Red Cross, of which he is chairman; the Nyack Rotary Club, of which he is a past president; Group Six of the New York State Bankers Association, of which he is president; the national bank section of the New

York State Bankers Association, of which he is secretary and treasurer, and is a trustee of the Nyack Library. He has served as treasurer of the village of Nyack for five years and during the World war took an active and effective part in the various Liberty Loan and Red Cross drives. Aside from the bank, his main interest is in outdoor sports. Chief of these is mountain climbing, to enjoy which he usually spends his vacations in the Rocky Mountains. He has also traveled extensively elsewhere and is a well informed man.

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## RT. REV. WILLIAM F. O'CONNOR

The Rt. Rev. William F. O'Connor, irremovable pastor of St. Patrick's Church at Albany, has devoted many years to the spread of Catholicism and possesses talents that make his efforts at all times effective and resultant. He is a native of this city and of Irish lineage. His father, John J. O'Connor, was born on the Emerald isle and when a lad of fifteen came to America with his parents, who settled in Albany. He crossed the Atlantic on the ship that also bore James McCredie to the new world and both became maltsters. Mr. O'Connor established a plant in Albany, later transferring his interests to Penn Yan, New York, and was associated with John Smyth after returning to Albany. Here he remained until his death, which occurred at his home on Clinton avenue on the 23d of November, 1892, when he was sixty-five years of age. At first he united with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, subsequently becoming a member of St. Joseph's Church, and his political support was given to the democratic party. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Farrell, also made the trip from Ireland to the United States at the age of fifteen years and her parents, James and Mary (Conroy) Farrell, likewise came to Albany, taking up their abode on Orange street. The O'Connors were their near neighbors and the two families were united when Anna Farrell was married to John J. O'Connor in St. Joseph's Church in Albany by Bishop Conroy. Mrs. O'Connor long survived her husband, passing away at St. Johnsville,



William F. O'Connor.

New York, in June, 1900, when sixty-five years of age. She was the mother of eight children, of whom three, a daughter and two sons, died in early life. Two passed away after reaching mature years. They were: Mrs. James J. Reid, of Albany; and Edward J. O'Connor, who was a member of the police force of this city. The others are: John H. O'Connor, of Albany, who is associated with the New York Power & Light Company; Mrs. John S. Kiley, of Fort Plain, New York; and the Rt. Rev. William F. O'Connor.

The last named was a pupil in a parochial school of Penn Yan and completed a course in the Christian Brothers Academy on State street, Albany. Subsequently he was graduated from St. Joseph's College in Montreal, Canada, and from St. Joseph's Seminary at Troy, New York, where he was ordained by Bishop Francis McNierney, then bishop of Albany. His first appointment was to St. Patrick's Church in Albany as assistant to Rev. Philip J. Smith, with whom he remained until the latter's death in February, 1898, and was with the next pastor, the Rt. Rev. Francis J. Maguire for three months in the same capacity. For eight and a half years he continued as assistant pastor of St. Patrick's Church and in June, 1898, was appointed by Bishop Thomas M. A. Burke to take charge of the parish at St. Johnsville, New York, and the missions at Fort Plain and Middle Sprite. After nearly ten years' service in that connection he was assigned by Bishop Thomas M. A. Burke to Scotia, New York, and was the first pastor of that parish, which he incorporated. About five months later he was transferred by Bishop Burke to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Albany, which he served for eleven years, during which period the mortgage on the parish house was paid and the present grade school building was erected. In June, 1919, through appointment of the Rt. Rev. Edward F. Gibbons, bishop of Albany, he became irremovable pastor of St. Patrick's Church and under his leadership its numerical and financial strength has been materially augmented. As a result of his earnest efforts much constructive work has been accomplished here, including the building of an addition to the parish house at an expenditure of forty thousand dollars, the renova-

tion of the parish house and the church, school and hall. In the parish school adjoining the church there are now about four hundred and seventy-five pupils and the work of instruction is intrusted to ten competent teachers. The Rt. Rev. William F. O'Connor has been a true shepherd of his flock, guiding them along the pathway of Christian life, and a strong bond of sympathy obtains between pastor and people. For his works he is honored, but in the simple consciousness of duty well performed he finds his all-sufficing reward. The monsignorship was conferred on Father O'Connor in June, 1921. He was awarded Diploma No. 1372, as follows:

"The Holiness of Our Lord, Benedict XV, who has deigned to confer the Cross for the Church and Pope (La Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice) on William O'Connor authorized by the petition besought in the accustomed manner.

Given at the Vatican June 15, 1920.

Cardinal Gasparri.

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## WILLITT CARPENTER JEWELL

Willitt Carpenter Jewell, publisher of The Putnam County Courier, has devoted eighteen years to the newspaper business and has always resided in Carmel. He was born October 23, 1889, and is a son of Willitt Francis and Adah Emily (Smalley) Jewell. The father was born May 5, 1863, in Carmel, to which place his parents had removed in 1862 from Irvington, Westchester county, where the family had lived as early as 1701, according to the pension application of John Jewell in 1833. Willitt C. Jewell is the fifth in direct line of descent from John Jewell, whose service in the Revolutionary war was of four years' duration. The grandfather, William Jewell, operated a carriage factory, in which Willitt F. Jewell worked as a youth, and after reaching his majority became a teacher of music, an organist and a piano tuner. He was thus engaged until his death on the

27th of February, 1906. His widow was born April 2, 1866, the youngest daughter of James J. and Emily (Phillipse) Smalley, and is living at Carmel. Mr. Smalley was democratic leader of Putnam county for several years, a member of the New York assembly in 1850 and 1855, sheriff for two terms, coroner, and occupied the office of county treasurer for three terms. In addition to the capable discharge of these varied public duties he conducted at Carmel the Smalley Hotel, which continued to carry his name after his death for more than seventy-five years, or until destroyed by fire in 1924. His wife was a member of the Phillipse family, who in 1697, according to deed, obtained a patent from William III, king of England, to the lands comprising the larger part of Putnam county. A representative of this old and prominent family became a member of the noted banking house of Phillipse & Van Horn.

In 1906, Willitt C. Jewell was graduated from the Carmel high school and in New York city he studied mechanical and electrical engineering at Cooper Union, which awarded him the Bachelor of Science degree in 1910. For a short time he worked for the United Electric Light & Power Company and was next in the employ of the New York Telephone Company in New York city. In 1913 he turned to journalism, becoming connected with The Putnam County Courier, with which he has since continued, and in recent years has been its publisher, issuing a paper of much value to this district. The news printed in the Courier is authentic and its editorials are forceful, timely and well written. The paper embodies the best elements of modern journalism and has a large circulation.

On the 26th of March, 1913, Mr. Jewell was married in Carmel to Miss Frances Ethel Grant, who was born in Plattsburg, New York, October 24, 1889. She was graduated from the Drew Seminary for Young Women at Carmel, afterward studying music at Syracuse University, and while at college became a member of Pi Beta Phi, a national fraternity. Her father, William Lewis Grant, was also born in Plattsburg and served in the Civil war. He is deceased and the mother, Susan Mahala (Orvis)

Grant, a native of Bangor, New York, has likewise passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Jewell have one child, Dorothy Grant, who was born March 31, 1915, and is attending the Drew Seminary for Young Women.

Mr. Jewell is a trustee of the Drew Methodist Episcopal Church at Carmel and has made his influence felt in local politics, serving for a few years as secretary of the democratic county committee. In 1917 he was the candidate of his party for county clerk and in 1919 was nominated for supervisor of the town of Carmel. During 1918 and 1919 he was clerk of the board of supervisors of Putnam county and in 1920 was appointed sealer of weights and measures for the county, standing first on the eligible list of the civil service. He is still serving and since 1926 has been a member of the board of education of the Carmel high school. In 1927, when the Putnam County Planning and Development Commission was organized, Mr. Jewell was appointed its secretary and has continued to act in that capacity. A charter member of the Carmel Fire Department, he has been its secretary from the time the department was organized in 1915. He is a director of the Raymond Hill Cemetery, Inc., and since 1925 has been its secretary. Since 1927 he has represented the Putnam County Chamber of Commerce as secretary and recently completed the task of compiling the first year book for the Chamber. Mr. Jewell champions every movement calculated to upbuild his town and promote the growth of the surrounding district and has to his credit an enviable record of public service.

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## GRACE L. B. MILLIGAN

Grace L. B. Milligan was one of the organizers of the Mount Vernon Business and Professional Women's Club and its first vice president. She later served the club as its second president and it was during her administration and through her efforts that the educational loan fund of the club was started. Miss Milligan was chairman of the committee that sent out five thousand ques-

tionnaires in 1930 during the "Buy in Mount Vernon" campaign conducted by the local club. She was also chairman of the window judging committee at that time.

Miss Milligan started her teaching career in Central Falls, Rhode Island, where she taught for ten years. She afterward taught in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, Yonkers, New York, and then in Mount Vernon. Her teaching has covered many phases: elementary, Americanization, special adjustment classes, handwork for boys, domestic science, boys' vocational and music. While teaching in the boys' vocational class in Yonkers, she also taught domestic science in the evening school and dietetics to the nurses in the Yonkers Homeopathic Hospital.

She has also been actively interested in Teachers' Associations. She was instrumental in starting the first Teachers' Association in Central Falls and was its first secretary. She has been an active participant in many state and several national education conventions. Miss Milligan is also interested in legislation as it effects education. She has been the secretary of the legislative committee of the Westchester County Teachers' Association for the last ten years and several times has spoken in Albany at hearings on educational bills. She was chairman of the local salary committee of the Teachers' Association in 1920 and also chairman of a county salary committee at the same time. Through the efforts of such committees and interested citizens, all over the state, a statewide salary bill was passed, with special provisions for Westchester county, giving substantial salary increases to teachers. This was the first time in the state that teaching was recognized as a profession in the matter of salary. These increases have been accompanied by higher standards of preparation requiring large investments of time and money in professional education. This of course is of general interest to all citizens, as the quality of teaching largely determines the future of childhood.

Miss Milligan has been chosen president of the Mount Vernon Teachers' Association and also served as first vice president of the New York Business and Professional Women's Clubs. She

is chairman of the committee from the local Business and Professional Women's Club that induced the New Haven Railroad to clean and paint the Mount Vernon station. They have also promised to improve the lighting in the station and on the platform and to do some landscaping on the grounds.

Miss Milligan is principal of the School of Industrial Arts and supervisor of the Part-Time School. She was in charge of the evening schools of Mount Vernon for seven years.

At the state convention of the New York Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., held in Schenectady in May, 1931, Miss Milligan was elected president and, for the first time in the history of the State Federation, received the vote of every delegate.

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## THOMAS DODD

Coming to the new world when a young man of twenty-five years, Thomas Dodd converted his opportunities into tangible assets and for many years was a forceful figure in business circles of New York city but is now living retired in Monroe. He was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, March 4, 1856, a son of Henry Dodd, who was a native of the northern part of England. The father engaged in the hotel business in Scotland and also traded in cargoes of square timber from the port of Quebec. Three of his brothers emigrated to Canada. Henry Dodd departed this life in 1881. To him and his wife, Mrs. Jane (Thom) Dodd, a native of Ayrshire, were born seven children, as follows: Henry, who lives in Australia; Janet, whose home is in Glasgow, Scotland; Jane, the wife of William Marr, who is engaged in the publishing business in London, England, and has seven children; Edward, who resides in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and has a wife and three children—Henry, Jane and Elizabeth; Margaret; Robert; and Thomas. The son, Henry Dodd, saw four years of active service in the World war and was wounded four times.

Thomas Dodd pursued his education in the public schools of

Tarbolton, Ayrshire, and remained in Scotland until 1881, the year of his father's death, when he came to the United States. He spent one year on a cattle ranch near Brownsville, Texas, and land there sold for fifty cents per acre at that time. The district was thinly settled and he became familiar with many phases of pioneer life in the southwest. On leaving the Lone Star state he went to the province of Manitoba but a year later recrossed the Canadian border and was employed as a clerk in Utica, New York, for one year. He then returned to the Dominion, where he engaged in the lumber business for eight years, and on the expiration of that period located in New York city. There he organized the firm of Glassford & Dodd, distributors for the United States Sewer Pipe Company, and engaged in that business for nineteen years. His interests were carefully and wisely conducted, bringing to him gratifying returns, and in 1910 he was able to retire.

In 1910, Mr. Dodd married Miss Julia Cooper Smith, a daughter of Alexander and Elizabeth (Davidson) Smith, of New York city. In religious belief Mr. Dodd is a Presbyterian and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. While he has never sought public office, he has a keen sense of his responsibilities as a citizen and his cooperation can always be counted upon in the furtherance of measures for the general good. A man of high principles and strict honesty, Mr. Dodd has fulfilled every duty and obligation in life to the best of his ability and merits the esteem that is uniformly accorded him.

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## KATHRYN H. STARBUCK

Prominently known as one of the most capable women lawyers of the Hudson River Valley is Kathryn H. Starbuck, who is now the secretary of Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, and also professor of law in this institution. She was born in Saratoga Springs, November 16, 1887, and is a daughter of the late Edgar D. and Ella F. (Martin) Starbuck, of whom the former was born in Chestertown, New York, and died in September, 1926, while

the latter was born November 20, 1850, and died in August, 1914. Edgar D. Starbuck was one of the pioneer merchants of Saratoga Springs, and was the founder of the business of E. D. Starbuck & Company.

Kathryn H. Starbuck attended the local grade and high schools, then in 1907 matriculated in Vassar College, which noted educational institution conferred upon her the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1911. She entered the Albany Law School, and in 1914 received therefrom her Bachelor of Laws degree. She was next engaged for about one year in legal editorial work with the New York state library in Albany, and in 1915 was admitted to the bar of the state. Miss Starbuck served for a period as chairman of the Woman's Suffrage Committee in Saratoga county, following which she became associated with the law firm of Rockwood & McKelvey. Then, in the autumn of 1918, she moved to New York city, there to be connected with the legal firm of Rockwood & Lark, with whom she remained about one year. While there she also acted as vice chairman of the New York League of Women Voters. In January, 1921, Miss Starbuck was invited to come to Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs for the purpose of doing some special work, and here she remained as chairman of the committee organized to raise an endowment fund for the college. Her work in this connection was extraordinarily efficient, and under her management the campaign was very successful, the fund of four hundred thousand dollars having been raised for the endowment. Solicited to remain with the school as secretary and professor of law, she accepted the offer, and has made a most creditable record in this capacity.

Miss Starbuck has taken an active role in the work of various women's organizations. She is chairman of the international relations committee of the Business & Professional Women's Club of New York state, and chairman for Saratoga county of the Federation of Women's Clubs. She is a former director of the Vassar Alumnae Association, and belongs to the American Association of International Law. She has been a speaker on international relations for different organizations of professional and

club women. She is generally considered a real authority on this subject, which is such a timely one during the present phase of history. She is a former director of the Katrina Trask Alliance and is a director of Yaddo Corporation, established by the wills of Spencer Trask and Katrina Trask Peabody, to operate their estate in the interests of creative art. Miss Starbuck's church is the First Baptist, where she teaches one of the Sunday school classes. She has enjoyed taking an active part in politics, and her support is accorded to the democratic party. She is a member of the democratic state committee, and was formerly a candidate for the state assembly from Saratoga county.

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## F. RAY WILLIAMS

Devoting his life to public service, F. Ray Williams has steadily progressed by reason of merit and ability and is now county superintendent of highways, with office in the Starbuck building at Saratoga Springs. He was born in Greenwich, Washington county, New York, September 7, 1897, and is a son of Emory W. and Ida M. (MacMurray) Williams, natives of Salem, Washington county, this state. His early life was spent on his father's farm and his high school education was supplemented by a correspondence course in engineering. In 1916, when nineteen years of age, he started as a laborer in the engineering department of the state and later resigned to become a junior assistant engineer, grade 1, with the public service commission, with which he was identified for six months. Reentering the employ of the state in 1919, he was assigned to the state highway department at Saratoga Springs. His knowledge, experience and dependability won for him promotion to the position of junior assistant, grade 2, in 1924 and in the following year he was again advanced, becoming assistant engineer, grade 1, while in 1926 his rating was changed to grade 2. In February, 1930, he tendered his resignation, having been appointed county superintendent of highways, and in this connection he has charge of the construction

and maintenance of county roads and bridges. Thoroughly conversant with engineering work of this character, he discharges his duties with marked efficiency and meets every requirement of the position, which is one of large responsibility.

On the 27th of November, 1926, Mr. Williams was married in Saratoga Springs to Miss Ruth Eleanor Rugg, of Schuylerville, New York, a daughter of Hiram B. and Sarah (Deyoe) Rugg, the former a native of Saratoga Springs and the latter of Schuylerville. The father, a school teacher and farmer, passed away in 1919, but the mother survives. Mr. and Mrs. Williams reside at 197 East avenue.

In religious belief Mr. Williams is a Methodist, and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. A York Rite Mason, he is affiliated with Home Lodge, No. 398, of Schuylerville; Home Chapter, No. 176, R. A. M.; Cryptic Council, No. 37, R. & S. M.; and Washington Commandery, K. T. He was master of Home Lodge in 1926 and is a member of the Past Masters Association of the Saratoga, Warren and Washington district. He also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Lions Club, the County Superintendents' Association, the Association of Highway Officials of the North Atlantic States and the Albany Society of Civil Engineers. His well developed powers and untiring efforts have carried him into important relations and the respect that is uniformly accorded him is well deserved, for his has been a strong and serviceable career of unfaltering purpose and marked devotion to duty.

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## HARRY L. B. RYDER, D. D. S.

Modern dentistry has a capable representative in Dr. Harry L. B. Ryder, who has practiced in Poughkeepsie for many years and is is also a member of the civil service board. He was born in Ossining, Westchester county, New York, January 29, 1873, and represents a family that was established in this region prior to the Revolutionary war. His grandparents were Jesse L. and



DR. HARRY L. B. RYDER

Mary (Weber) Ryder, the former a native of Westchester county. The Weber family has been represented in this country since colonial days and Captain John Weber was one of the gallant officers who participated in the struggle for American independence. Austin Ryder, a son of Jesse L. and Mary (Weber) Ryder, was also a native of Ossining and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Augusta Carpenter, was related to the Tompkins and Purdy families. Mr. and Mrs. Austin Ryder were the parents of four sons: Harry L. B.; George W., now deceased; and Garfield Lester and Stewart Austin, both of Westchester county, New York.

Reared in his native city, Dr. Ryder attended its public schools, and having chosen a professional career, he matriculated in the New York College of Dentistry, from which he was graduated in 1893. Afterward he followed his profession at Portland, Connecticut, and Schenectady, New York, and in 1895 came to Poughkeepsie, where he has practiced successfully for thirty-six years. His office at 81 Market street is equipped with the most modern dental appliances and his powers have been developed to a high point of efficiency. In addition to caring for an extensive practice he is attached to the staffs of St. Francis and Vassar Brothers hospitals, rendering to these institutions valuable dental service.

Dr. Ryder was married to Miss Margaret Kosboth and a daughter, Marjorie, was born to them. She is now Mrs. M. J. Jamieson, of Paris, and has become the mother of four daughters, Marjorie, Jeannette, Suzanne and Nancy. Dr. Ryder lends the weight of his support to all movements for the advancement and betterment of his community and his record as a member of the civil service board is one that redounds to his credit. Earnest and purposeful, he has enforced the dictum that civil service rules are more than printed formulas and discharges his public duties with the thoroughness and conscientiousness that have characterized his work throughout life. He belongs to the Holland Society and has served for three years as president of the Alumni Association of the New York College of Dentistry. He is presi-

dent of the Dutchess-Putnam Dental Society and is also identified with the Ninth District Dental Society. Studious and progressive, he is conversant with the most recent scientific discoveries relative to the care and preservation of the teeth and the treatment of oral diseases and has attained high standing in his profession.

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## PHILIP J. LANDRY, D. D. S.

Dr. Philip J. Landry, engaged in the practice of dentistry at Saratoga Springs, was born in this city March 23, 1895, and is a son of Adolphus L. and Nora (Walsh) Landry. The father, a native of Canada, made carpentry his life work and in 1931 was called to his final rest. The mother was born in Glens Falls, Warren county, New York, and now resides at Saratoga Springs.

Dr. Landry was a pupil in the grammar and high schools of his native city and in preparation for his chosen vocation enrolled as a student in the University of Pennsylvania, which he attended until 1917, when the degree of D. D. S. was conferred upon him. In the same year he opened an office in Amsterdam, Montgomery county, New York, but later in 1917 discontinued his practice to enlist for service in the World war, joining the dental corps of the United States Army. For a short time he was in training at Camp Dix, New Jersey, and then went overseas. As a first lieutenant he served at the front for thirteen months and after the signing of the armistice was with the Army of Occupation in Germany until June 25, 1919, when he sailed for the United States, receiving an honorable discharge at Camp Dix on July 1st of that year. Soon afterward he located in Saratoga Springs and is numbered among its leading dentists. He has found his military experience of great value in his dental work, which is characterized by marked thoroughness, precision and skill, as well as mechanical ingenuity, and his practice has assumed large proportions.

In November, 1920, Dr. Landry was married in Saratoga

Springs to Miss May Gorman, who was also born in this city and is a daughter of Thomas H. and Lena (Lysett) Gorman. The father, who has always resided here, was formerly deputy commissioner of public safety and took an active part in democratic politics for many years but is now living retired. Mrs. Landry is a graduate of the Oneonta Normal School and engaged in teaching prior to her marriage. She has become the mother of three sons, Philip, Jr., Jack and James, aged respectively nine, seven and three years.

The residence of the family is at 54 Church street and Dr. Landry maintains a well equipped office at 378 Broadway. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and his religious views are in harmony with the tenets of the Roman Catholic Church. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. That he retains his interest in military affairs is indicated in his connection with the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Studious and energetic by nature, he has progressed with his profession and is a valued member of the New York State Dental Society and the Fourth District Dental Society.

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## MILTON V. SAULPAUGH

Law enforcement in Columbia county is in the capable hands of Milton V. Saulpaugh, whose record as sheriff is one that redounds to his credit. He was born in Hudson, New York, March 18, 1896, a son of Thomas L. G. Saulpaugh, who was a member of the local police force for many years, and here resided until his demise in 1899, when Milton V. Saulpaugh was but three years of age. The mother, Mary (Morrison) Saulpaugh, a native of Scotland, came to the United States as a young girl with her parents, who settled in Hollowville, Columbia county, New York. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. G. Saulpaugh were born six children, all of whom are natives of Hudson. They are: Thomas L. G., Jr., who is with the New York Telephone Company and makes his

home in Glens Falls; Edwin J., of New York city; Richard M., who is president of the William Petry Automobile Company, Inc., and lives in Hudson; Luella M., at home; Marion, the wife of Clarence Hamm, who is connected with the Pittsfield, Massachusetts, branch of the General Electric Company and has a family of three children; and Milton V.

The last named obtained a high school education and afterward was with Dr. L. R. James for ten years, working in his dental laboratory. Subsequently he turned his attention to the sale of men's furnishings and was engaged in that business for six years, becoming recognized as one of the leading merchants of Hudson. In the fall of 1929 he was elected sheriff for a term of three years and took office January 1, 1930. He is energetic, efficient and fearless in the discharge of his important duties, leaving nothing undone to enforce the law according to his conscience. He had previously been active in civic affairs as a member of the Hudson common council for one term and as commissioner of public safety for a similar length of time, also doing effective work in these connections.

There is an interesting military chapter in the life record of Mr. Saulpaugh, who joined the infantry forces of the New York National Guard, and as a member of Company F was sent to Fort Niagara and Camp Wadsworth. When the National Guard was reorganized his company became a unit of the Fifty-first Pioneer Infantry, with which he went overseas in May, 1918, and remained with the regiment for fourteen months. He was sent to the officers training school at La Valbonne, France, and won a commission as second lieutenant in the infantry. He served in the Woevre sector, and Meuse and Moselle campaigns, as well as in the battle of St. Mihiel, and on the 11th of September, 1919, was mustered out at Camp Dix, New Jersey. He belongs to the American Legion and was commander of Hudson Post for two years. Fraternally he is a Mason, identified with Hudson Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M.; Hudson Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M.; Hudson Council, No. 62, R. & S. M.; and Lafayette Commandery, No. 7, K. T. He also belongs to Hudson Lodge, No. 787, B. P. O. E., to

the local Rotary Club, of which he was chosen secretary in 1928, and for two terms was president of Edmonds Hose Company, No. 1, of the Hudson Fire Department. In many ways he has given proof of his loyalty, patriotism and public spirit and these qualities, combined with his honesty, sincerity and courtesy, have established him high in the esteem of all who know him.

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## WILLIAM A. PIERSON

For many years William A. Pierson has engaged in the practice of law at Saratoga Springs, which numbers him among its foremost attorneys and most prominent citizens. He was born July 20, 1857, in the community where he still resides, and is a son of Thomas Berlin and Amanda (Ainsworth) Pierson, who are now deceased. The family is of English origin and among its distinguished representatives was the Rev. Abraham Pierson, the first president of Yale College.

William A. Pierson was graduated November 23, 1877, from the Peoples Academy at Morrisville, Vermont, and during 1878 and 1879 engaged in teaching at Elmore Center, that state. Returning to Saratoga Springs in 1879, he worked for a time in a bakery conducted by Seymour Ainsworth, and in 1881 obtained a position in the law office of Pond, French & Brackett, thus acquiring his first knowledge of legal procedure. In 1882 he left the office of Senator Brackett, continuing his studies under the supervision of John R. Putnam, and was admitted to the New York bar at Binghamton, May 4, 1883. He began his career as an attorney in Saratoga Springs and later was admitted to practice before the United States circuit court. In analyzing a case he follows a logical course of reasoning, going back from cause to effect, and is thus able to untangle many a knotty legal problem. He maintains an office at 432½ Broadway and is accorded a large and remunerative clientele. A shrewd, farsighted business man, as well as an able advocate and wise counselor, he was associated for many years with the late Richard Croker, of New York

city, and Senator Brackett, of Saratoga, in extensive real estate developments and at one time was the owner of the large block of land on which the present trolley station is located in Saratoga Springs. He served for a number of years as president of the local floral association.

On the 17th of September, 1889, Mr. Pierson was married in Meadville, Pennsylvania, to Miss Nell Folwell, who passed away April 6, 1894, at Saratoga Springs. For his second wife Mr. Pierson chose Miss Henrietta M. Mathews, to whom he was married at Saratoga Springs, November 14, 1895. Their son, William M. Pierson, a young man of thirty-four years, served as a lieutenant in the United States Army during the World war and is now superintendent of the Schenectady plant of the New York Light & Power Company. In 1917 he married Miss Katherine King, of Wilton, New York, and they have one child, William M., aged twelve years.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Pierson reside at 35 Greenfield avenue, Saratoga Springs. At the age of twenty-seven years he became interested in military affairs, enlisting in the New York National Guard, December 9, 1884, and continued with that organization until November 11, 1895, when he was honorably discharged, being at that time a member of the Citizens Corps. A notable event in his career occurred August 6, 1880, when it was his privilege to serve as one of the guard from Saratoga in President Grant's funeral train. In politics Mr. Pierson has always been a strong republican, giving unfaltering allegiance to the party, and his first public office was that of police justice, to which he was elected in 1881, defeating John L. Barbour, of Saratoga Springs. In 1885 Mr. Pierson was the successful candidate for justice of the peace, serving acceptably for four years, and on the 1st of February, 1885, was elected a member of the board of education of Saratoga Springs. In 1889 he was chosen president of the Saratoga Lincoln Club and in the following year became secretary of the Republican League of New York State. On the 28th of September, 1885, he was inducted into the Masonic order, becoming a member of Rising Sun Lodge, F. & A. M., at

Saratoga Springs, and has a life membership in Washington Commandery, No. 33, K. T. Since June 8, 1887, he has been identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and in religious belief he is a Presbyterian. His has been a long, active and useful life of rightly directed endeavor and he enjoys to the fullest extent the esteem and confidence of his fellowmen.

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## CHARLES C. STRACK

For over thirty years Charles C. Strack has been connected with the Rockland Light and Power Company's interests at Spring Valley, Rockland county, and is now its district superintendent at this point. He was born at Nyack, New York, on the 26th of October, 1872, and is a son of Conrad and Caroline (Hess) Strack, of whom the former was one of Nyack's old and honored citizens. To Conrad Strack and his wife were born three children, John Henry, Charlotte and Charles C.

Charles C. Strack received his education in the public schools, which he attended to the age of twelve years, after which he devoted his attention to the practical affairs of life. He was employed at various occupations until 1896, when he entered the employ of the Rockland Light and Power Company, with which concern he has been identified to the present time. Because of his faithful and efficient service he received deserved promotions and in his present capacity as district superintendent he is ably promoting the company's interests in this territory.

In 1897 Mr. Strack was united in marriage to Miss Victoria Riess and to them have been born two sons, Charles W. and Ernest V. Charles W. is a former football star of Colgate University, and later distinguished himself as a wrestler, first as an amateur and later as a professional, in which sport he has a most excellent record. He married Miss Effie Cox, of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Ernest Strack is a graduate of Cornell University and now holds the position of chief statistician with utility interests in Tulsa, Oklahoma. While in college he was a member of the

wrestling team and later was for two years the metropolitan champion in the Amateur Athletic Union. He married Miss Eleanor Watson of Lewiston, New York, and they are the parents of two sons, Charles A. and Allen W.

Charles C. Strack is a member of Athelstane Lodge, No. 839, F. & A. M., and he and his wife are members of Valley Star Chapter, No. 434, O. E. S., of which he is the present worthy patron, while his wife is a past worthy matron. The Spring Valley plant is one of the most important units of the Rockland Light and Power Company and in its management Mr. Strack has shown himself a man of good executive ability and sound and reliable judgment, enjoying the confidence of his superior officers to a marked degree. In this community he has a host of warm friends, who esteem him for his genuine worth.

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## CLARENCE M. TRAVIS

One of Nyack's most prominent business men and influential citizens is Clarence M. Travis, who has been actively and successfully engaged in business here for over thirty years, and has also been closely identified with the civic affairs of the community. Mr. Travis was born in West Taghkanic, Columbia county, New York, on the 13th of December, 1877, and is a son of Rev. Richard H. Travis, D. D., and Hannah M. (Hustis) Travis. He comes of an old American family, his line running back directly to Titus Travis, who served as a private in Captain George Lane's Company, Colonel Henry Luddington's Regiment, Dutchess County Militia, in the war of the Revolution. Richard H. Travis, D. D., a well known divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is now retired, after many years of earnest and effective service in the ministry. He was for six years presiding elder of the Poughkeepsie district, comprising eighty-three churches. There are at the present time four generations of the family living on adjoining properties on South Midland avenue, Nyack, namely; the Rev. Richard H. Travis, Clarence M. Travis, Clarence M. Travis, Jr.,

and Clarence M. Travis (III). Mrs. Hannah M. (Hustis) Travis was born on a farm near Cold Spring. Everett Hustis Travis, elder brother of Clarence M. Travis, resides in Poughkeepsie, where he is a prominent lawyer and was formerly an assemblyman.

Clarence M. Travis received a good education, attending the public schools and Wilbraham Academy, at Wilbraham, Massachusetts, after which he took a course in the Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie. In 1899 he engaged in the monument business at his present location in Nyack, his first plant being a small one, in which all of the cutting was done by hand. The business has been carried on without interruption to the present time, during which period the plant has been greatly increased in size, while a full equipment of modern machinery does the work better and more quickly. A vast amount of good work has been turned out of this plant, including many war memorials in Rockland county, New York, and Bergen county, New Jersey, while samples of the Travis art are to be found in many cemeteries in different states.

In 1900 Mr. Travis was united in marriage to Miss Sarah T. Lovatt, a daughter of the late Edward T. and Sarah T. (Tompkins) Lovatt, of Tarrytown, New York, and Rockland county, respectively. Her father was during his active years one of New York city's leading lawyers, and his ancestral line is traced back to England, where the family was engaged in the manufacture of silk. Mr. and Mrs. Travis are the parents of three children, namely: Clarence M., Jr., who is associated with his father in the monument business under the firm name of C. M. Travis, Inc.; Donald L., who attended Wesleyan University and is now employed by his father; and Frances, who is a student in the Nyack high school. Clarence M., Jr., married Miss Marjorie Coffey and they have two children, Clarence M. (III) and Joan.

Mr. Travis is a member of Oneko Lodge, I. O. O. F.; the Nyack Business Men's Association, the Nyack Rotary Club, the Rockland County Society, the Rockland County Good Roads Association and the Blue Hill Country Club. He is a director of the

Young Men's Christian Association and the Rockland County Trust Company, a trustee of Oak Hill Cemetery, a past president of the Memorial Craftsmen of New York State and a member of the Memorial Craftsmen of America. Mr. Travis has for many years evinced a commendable interest in matters affecting the general welfare of his community, and from 1916 to 1920 he served as mayor of the village of Nyack, in which capacity he effected many public improvements and showed himself a man of high civic ideals and the capacity for leadership. He is one of Nyack's popular citizens and one of its most useful men.

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## GEORGE AARON NEHER

Not only in the real estate and insurance business at Woodstock, New York, has George Aaron Neher achieved notable success, but in his reputation as a citizen, as a moving figure behind the development of the community, and a patriotic worker for the common good, may be found indication of the character of his career. Mr. Neher is a native of Woodstock, Ulster county, his birth having occurred March 2, 1885, and he is a son of Hiram and Rosetta (Russell) Neher.

Hiram Neher was also a native of Woodstock, and early in his life he learned the trade of carpenter, which work he followed during the remainder of his years, many of the finest homes and barns in the Woodstock section having been products of his skill. He also had a farm of one hundred and seventy acres, situated at Montoma, where a post office existed twenty years ago. Rosetta (Russell) Neher, the mother of George Aaron Neher, was born at West Hurley, and was a daughter of Caleb Russell, a farmer, and member of one of the pioneer families of this section. Twelve children were born to Hiram and Rosetta Neher, all of the births occurring at Woodstock. Five of the children died in infancy, and Emma, who was the wife of Robert Staugnburg, now of West Hurley, died at the age of thirty. Edwin C. Neher, a resident of New Canaan, Connecticut, and for the past ten years



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superintendent of the cemetery at that place, married Addie Van Etten and their one son is Clarence. Isabella Neher became the wife of Floyd Taylor, a metal worker of Cross River, New York, and both are now deceased. They had one child, Morton. Emily Neher, who is the wife of Reuben Shultis, resides on the old Shultis homestead at Bearsville, Ulster county, and they have a son. Mary Neher is the wife of Frank Martin of Saugerties, New York, a cement chemist, and they are the parents of one child. Clark S. Neher, who is a contractor and builder of Woodstock, married Gertrude Shultis, and they have two children. On his paternal side, George A. Neher had three uncles who enlisted from Woodstock in the Civil war.

The schooling of George A. Neher was secured in the Glenford section of Ulster county. When very young, he learned the trade of carpenter, and followed contracting and building for a period of twenty-three years, and also was engaged in the real estate business. He continued in the building line until 1928, since which time he has confined his activities to real estate and insurance. He was in Florida for a four months' stay, identified with the White Company of New York city, and he assisted in the construction of two aviation camps at Arcadia, Florida. He laid out three sub-divisions in the town of Woodstock, and has erected sixty-five homes on these tracts. In 1914, he purchased twenty acres of ground situated in the heart of Woodstock. This twenty acres was part of a farm which had been worked for a hundred and twenty years. There was a tannery on the farm for many years. The barn, which was one of the oldest in this county, had timbers a foot wide hewn from immense logs and fastened together with wooden pegs instead of nails. Mr. John W. Davis moved this barn a number of years ago to its present location on Main street, and Mr. Neher in 1922 converted it into a modern confectionery and ice cream store, called "The Nook." He left the mammoth rafters as they were installed over a century ago. In this store, there is a large collection of oil paintings exhibited, as well as a complete line of Indian relics and rugs, making it one of the most unique stores in the Woodstock colony.

The public library was located in this building from 1914 to 1922. Mr. Neher disposed of the store in 1931.

Mr. Neher served his fellow citizens as town clerk for a period of four years, also as justice of the peace for four years. He is a director of the First National Bank of Saugerties, New York, likewise a director in the Woodstock Library, the Woodstock Club, and the Woodstock Country Club. Both he and his wife attend the Church of Christ, Scientist.

Mr. Neher was married to Josephine Riseley, of Woodstock, a daughter of Charles and Catherine Riseley, the latter of whom died in 1926, and the former, a farmer in past years, now retired. Mr. and Mrs. Neher have a daughter, Rhoda, who was born in 1922. Mrs. Neher takes an active part in local Red Cross work.

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## THOMAS FRANCIS MORRISSEY, D. M. D.

Dr. Thomas Francis Morrissey, successfully engaged in the practice of dentistry at Waterford, was born in Troy, Rensselaer county, New York, February 5, 1896, a son of Thomas Francis and Annie (Lewis) Morrissey, who were also natives of that city. The father, who served as president of the Troy Brick Company, passed away in 1917 but the mother is yet living.

Dr. Morrissey attended La Salle Institute at Troy, where he obtained his high school education. Enlisting in the army at the time of the World war, he became a private of Company G, Three Hundred and Third Regiment of New York Infantry, and went overseas with the Seventy-sixth Division. He was in active service in France for a year, participating in the Argonne offensive and other major engagements, and was mustered out at Camp Upton, New York, July 7, 1919, at which time he was holding the rank of a second lieutenant. Resuming his studies, Dr. Morrissey completed a course in the dental school of Tufts College at Boston, Massachusetts, in 1923 and received the degree of D. M. D. After his graduation he served for a year as an interne in the Forsythe Dental Infirmary for Children at Boston

and then located in Waterford. Here he has since engaged in general dental practice, maintaining a completely equipped office at 59 Broad street, and his knowledge and skill have brought to him a large and constantly increasing number of patients.

Dr. Morrissey was married June 14, 1930, in Watervliet, New York, to Miss Helen Berry, a native of that town, which was also the birthplace of her parents, Charles and Helen (Kennedy) Berry. The father passed away in 1920 and is survived by the mother. The residence of Dr. and Mrs. Morrissey is at 21 One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street, Troy. They are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics the Doctor is a republican. He belongs to the American Legion and his fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a progressive and capable exponent of his profession and has membership in the New York Dental Society, the Third District Dental Society and the American Dental Society.

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## GEORGE T. STUART

George T. Stuart, of Suffern, is a native of Orange county, born September 1, 1885, and among his forbears were early landowners in the Hudson River Valley. In this region his grandfather had one thousand acres of valuable land, which had been acquired by the family prior to the Revolutionary war. The genealogy of the Stuart family in America has been traced back to seven brothers, who settled in Richmond, Virginia, on coming to this country from Scotland, and in later generations representatives of the name removed to Orange county, New York.

George T. Stuart acquired his education in New York and for several years has lived in Suffern, becoming well known throughout Rockland county as an industrial engineer and metallurgist. In these lines he has acquired the knowledge and skill of an expert and has been closely and prominently associated with a number of important manufacturing and mining projects.

On the 21st of September, 1911, Mr. Stuart was married to Miss Helen Mandeville, her parents being Franklin Pierce and Jane (Duvall) Mandeville, the latter a daughter of Mrs. Camilla (Reed) Duvall, who in turn was a daughter of Martin Reed. The last named, who was born in Ireland, June 24, 1775, came to America with Jeremiah Pierson, a widely known pioneer, and settled in the Ramapo valley after purchasing land from the Indians there. Dominic Reed, another ancestor of Mrs. Stuart, was born in Ramapo, Rockland county, New York, December 25, 1808, and became the original inventor of the screw. Mr. and Mrs. Stuart are the parents of two children, Jane M. and William B., both in high school. Mr. Stuart's main interests are in his wife and children, to whom he is devoted, and in his life work.

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## HON. FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

No history of the Hudson River Valley would be complete without extended mention of the Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, governor of New York and a distinguished representative of one of the first families of this country. He was born January 30, 1882, in Hyde Park, New York, where his branch of the Roosevelts have for generations held domain, and it is in the inbred domesticity of the Hyde Park Roosevelts that we find causes for the strong, determined champion of the common people in the governor's chair at Albany. His forbears were plain, sturdy Dutch people and, like all pioneers, they were imbued with the daring and courage possessed by those who carved the destiny of a new civilization. It was chiefly as tillers of the soil that his ancestors made their mark and it is as a scion of these folk and as a farmer in his own right that Governor Roosevelt bids for distinction as a man who knows the problems of plain people and as a man who sympathizes with the problems of the family man because he is essentially a family man and his heritage is from a long line of exemplary family men.

Reared in the home of his parents, James and Sara (Delano)



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Roosevelt, the Governor spent his childhood on the green cliffs overlooking the Hudson and thus he found the stimulus suited to boyish fancies, of boats and sails and uncharted seas. He was desirous of entering the naval academy at Annapolis but in accordance with the wishes of his parents matriculated in Groton College, which had been attended by other members of the family, and after leaving that institution he took a three years' course in Harvard University, becoming editor of the Crimson while at Cambridge, where he won the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1904. This was followed by three years of study in the Columbia Law School, which numbers him among its alumni of 1907. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and shortly thereafter entered the law office of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn, continuing with them until 1910, when he became a member of the firm of Hooker, Marvin & Roosevelt. In 1924 he became senior partner in the law firm of Roosevelt & O'Connor and is still at the head of this organization, which is accorded a large and lucrative clientele.

As a young man Governor Roosevelt evinced a predilection for politics and since 1909 he has been constantly in the public eye. His assembly district, which was almost hopelessly republican, was taken for granted and his party, without any additional optimism, asked him to run for the state senate. He accepted the nomination and conducted an original man to man campaign, making the rounds in a car of the type then known as a "flivver." His platform was anti-bossism and a demand for standard-sized apple barrels. He took office in January, 1910, and shortly thereafter became a little David going out to meet the Goliath of Tammany Hall. The cards were all stacked for the selection of "Billy" Sheehan, of Buffalo, the law partner of Alton B. Parker, for the United States senate. It was left to Charles Murphy, then the Tammany boss, and others to pilot the election of Sheehan through the senate. Young Roosevelt, true to his anti-bossism pledges, felt Sheehan was a selection of the interests and, gathering around him an insurgent band of twenty young senators, he proceeded to fight Tammany and to thwart, if possible,

the election of Sheehan. After sixty ballots the forces of Sheehan capitulated and the compromise candidate, O'Gorman, was selected.

It was in this political tiff that the two forces then arrayed against each other met, later to merge their strength and ability in a common cause. It was then that Franklin D. Roosevelt and Alfred E. Smith met in battle and then each had a fair measure of the other's fighting ability. With Thomas, Mott, Osborne and others, Franklin D. Roosevelt organized the up-state democracy and thus was instrumental in the selection of Woodrow Wilson as the standard bearer at the Baltimore convention. In 1914 President Wilson appointed him first assistant to the secretary of the navy, Josephus Daniels, whose sole public contact theretofore was as the editor of a partisan paper in North Carolina and a participant in the politics of that state. Franklin D. Roosevelt was the motive power, if not the titular head, of that office. He joined his illustrious cousin, Theodore Roosevelt, and General Wood in a demand for preparedness. He demanded and won higher pay for United States seamen and ten days after this nation entered the World war he had let contracts for three hundred and twenty-six submarine chasers. For six years he continued as assistant secretary of the navy, meeting with poise, decisiveness and efficiency every emergency and rendering to his country service of great importance and value.

In 1918 Al Smith, then president of the board of aldermen of New York city, proposed the name of Franklin D. Roosevelt for governor but the latter had duties to perform for President Wilson and this eventuated in the selection of Mr. Smith for governor. He returned the compliment by nominating Mr. Roosevelt for vice president of the United States at the San Francisco convention in 1920. He designated Governor Smith as "the happy warrior," strove for his nomination for the presidency against William McAdoo at Madison Square Garden in New York city and placed the Governor in the nomination at the Houston convention which chose the east side genius as the standard bearer of the party. He went to the front for Al Smith on

the platform, and on his own account at the same time as the party nominee for governor, for Mr. Smith had demanded that his chances in New York be enhanced by the choice of Mr. Roosevelt as the party nominee to succeed him in the governor's chair. Mr. Roosevelt squeezed through in the national landslide that took Al Smith to defeat but not to oblivion, and in 1929 he entered upon the duties of governor. His record for the first term was such that he was reelected in 1930 with the largest plurality ever given a candidate for that office. With postgraduate experience in the school of politics, manifesting a statesman's grasp of affairs, he has initiated many measures of reform and progress, working at all times along constructive lines. He has carried to enactment such legislation as old age pensions, workmen's compensation, water power conservation, housing laws, child labor and many others of popular benefit. During his tenure of office he has constantly manifested a zealous and watchful regard of public rights and, like Al Smith, he has become known as "the people's champion."

On the 17th of March, 1905, Governor Roosevelt was married in New York city to his cousin, Miss Anna Eleanor Roosevelt, the favorite niece of Theodore Roosevelt, who made the journey from Washington to give her away at the wedding. She is a daughter of Elliott and Anna (Hall) Roosevelt and a graduate of the Russell Sage College for Women. To her husband she brought the buoyancy and charm of a personality that has become proverbial in all the circles of her social and philanthropic activities. Her graciousness and spontaneity have been no less potent in the luster of the Roosevelt standards than has the pleasing demeanor and fine ability of her husband. The five children of this marriage are: Anna Eleanor, the wife of Curtis Dall; and James, Elliott, Franklin D., Jr., and John A., who are with their parents.

Governor Roosevelt maintains his official residence in Albany but retains his home in Hyde Park, for he has a deep and abiding affection for his native town. In 1921 there was a most unfortunate occurrence which brought much anxiety to his family and friends, who rejoice in his recovery. While with his wife and chil-

dren on a vacation at Campo Bello Island, he swam across the waters of the Bay of Fundy. His condition at the time was not good, as he was exhausted by his rigorous war duties and arduous campaign work. He contracted infantile paralysis and at the age of thirty-nine years became a prey to that terrible disease, which twisted and tore his fine physique. He fought a good fight and soon regained the use of his limbs. The disease never affected his face, so he smiled on as usual, sometimes grimly, but always fighting, and if Al Smith could be aptly termed "the happy warrior," no less could Franklin D. Roosevelt he termed "the happy sufferer." He, as others who have endured great pain, saw during his affliction the need not only of sympathy but of help for the thousands of cripples, especially for children. Thus he found a new interest and through his efforts the Warm Springs Foundation for the care and treatment of cripples was established at Warm Springs, Georgia. This worthy institution is constantly growing and each year it receives additional bequests. Governor Roosevelt continues as its president and has also served as president of the Boy Scout Foundation in New York city, while of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation he is a trustee. His name also appears on the board of trustees of Vassar College, St. Stephen's College, Cornell University and the Seamen's Institute. In many other connections his cooperation has been sought and freely given. He was a member of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration Commission in 1909, the Plattsburgh Centennial Commission in 1913 and of the national commission of the Panama-Pacific Exposition in 1915. From 1918 until 1924 he was overseer of Harvard University. He was in charge of inspection of the United States naval forces in European waters from July to September, 1918, and of the United States demobilization work in Europe in January and February of 1919. He is a member of the Naval Historical Society, the New York Historical Society, the Holland Society, and the Harvard, Knickerbocker and Century Clubs. His fraternities are the Alpha Delta Phi and the Phi Beta Kappa. He is also identified with the Masonic order and his religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Episcopal Church,

of which he has long been a faithful member. Endowed with high qualities of mind and character, Governor Roosevelt has played well his part in life and, like the Chevalier Bayard, he is a man "without fear and without reproach." Keenly interested in welfare projects and movements, Mrs. Roosevelt devotes a portion of each week to teaching in a philanthropic institution of New York and she is also active in club work.

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## JOHN PETRONIO

Choosing a definite objective at the outset of his career, John Petronio bent every energy toward the accomplishment of his purpose and is now numbered among the leading merchant tailors and substantial business men of Mount Vernon. He was born in Ausonia, Italy, November 5, 1887, a son of Francis and Rose (Capadunno) Petronio, and pursued his education in that country until he reached the age of thirteen, when he came to the United States. He spent three years in New York city, working in a tailor shop, and in 1903 came to Mount Vernon. Here he was employed as a tailor by the Hodgman Rubber Company for two years and then went to Philadelphia, where he remained for eighteen months in the employ of Henbick & Sons, merchant tailors. With his return to Mount Vernon he entered the service of the firm of Yavelow & Sons and had charge of their tailoring department for five years. In 1912 he severed his connection with that firm to engage in business under his own name and his is now the largest merchant tailoring establishment in Mount Vernon and one of the largest in Westchester county. His life has been devoted to the mastery of the one line of activity and he possesses the initiative, the creative ability and the artistic skill which must ever be features in successful sartorial work.

In 1914 Mr. Petronio was married to Miss Alberta Cattaneo, a daughter of Albert and Caroline (Ghisalberti) Cattaneo, of Mount Vernon. The father, who was prominently identified with building operations here for a number of years, is now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Petronio have three children, Dorothy, Elinor and Evelyn.

Fraternally Mr. Petronio is connected with Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 872, B. P. O. E., and John Stuart Lodge, No. 871, F. & A. M., and is loyal to the teachings and purposes of these orders. He belongs to the Turnverein and to the Southern New York Hunting & Game Association. During the World war he was a member of the Eighth Coast Artillery. He takes much personal pride in the growth and advancement of his city and is a strong advocate of all that he deems vital to its welfare. Coming to America a poor boy, he was trained in that practical school which develops aggressive, self-reliant manhood and is deserving of much credit for what he has accomplished.

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## GEORGE OSCAR SLINGERLAND

George Oscar Slingerland, of Mechanicville, is a self-made man who has won success as a manufacturer of paper boxes—a line of business which he has followed throughout life—and is also serving as treasurer of Saratoga county. He was born in Green Island, New York, August 12, 1872, and is a son of Charles B. and Delia Ann Slingerland, the former born in 1829 and the latter in 1834. The American progenitor of the family was Tenius Cornelius Slingerland, who came to this country from Holland in 1650. He was the father of Arent Slingerland, whose son was Tenius Slingerland (II), and Abram Slingerland was the next in line of descent. The mother's family branched off with a brother of Abram. The latter's son, Petrus Slingerland, the great-grandfather of George O. Slingerland, served as a captain in the Albany County Militia in 1777. He was the father of Abraham Slingerland, born in 1793, and the grandfather of Charles B. Slingerland.

In the public schools of his native town George O. Slingerland pursued his education until he reached the age of thirteen, when he became a wage-earner, obtaining a situation in a paper box

factory at Cohoes, New York, where he worked for twelve years. Afterward he was similarly employed in Stillwater, Saratoga county, and then removed to Mechanicville, where he has engaged in business under his own name since 1917. His factory has every modern appliance essential to first-class work and the output is distributed over a wide area. He has a highly specialized knowledge of the paper box industry and under his expert management the business has constantly expanded.

On the 24th of December, 1895, Mr. Slingerland was married in Cohoes, New York, to Miss Isabel Agnes Robertson, who was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, August 23, 1872. Her forbears were seafaring men and fought in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Slingerland's father came to this country from Scotland and her mother was a member of one of the colonial families of Massachusetts.

Fraternally Mr. Slingerland is identified with the Foresters of America, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Knights of Pythias and various Masonic bodies, including the Shrine. He is a member of the Masonic Club, the Holland Society, the New York State Historical Society, and the Dutch Settlers of Albany. Deeply attached to his state, he is thoroughly informed regarding events that have shaped its history and started the movement for the restoration of the Saratoga battlefield in 1925. In 1926, as a result of his untiring efforts, the state legislature made an appropriation for the purchase of lands and the work of rehabilitation and Mr. Slingerland was chosen to direct the restoration of the battlefield, which has been converted into a public park. During 1926 and 1927 he was chairman of the advisory board on the battlefield and historic sites and in 1928 was made superintendent of the Saratoga battlefield, of which he has since had charge. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian and his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He has been elected to several public offices and has always done efficient, conscientious work. He was a trustee of the village of Mechanicville in 1908, 1909 and 1910, town clerk of Half Moon from 1912 until 1915 inclusive, a supervisor of Mechanicville in 1916 and 1917, mayor of the city

for four years, from 1924 until 1927, and has been treasurer of Saratoga county since 1930. In many ways Mr. Slingerland has given tangible evidence of his public spirit and his devotion to the general good and his worth as a man and as a citizen is uniformly conceded.

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## GEORGE B. EVANS

In most instances the men of prominence in the business world of today started in humble capacities, advancing through proved ability and worth, and it was as an office boy that George B. Evans made his initial step in the drug trade. Through his own exertions he has pressed steadily onward and upward until he now controls important pharmaceutical interests as president and treasurer of the McKesson-Gibson-Snow Company, Inc., a part of one of the largest organizations of the kind in the country. His office is at 645 Broadway in the city of Albany and he resides at 130 Manning boulevard.

Mr. Evans was born in Greenville, Greene county, New York, January 4, 1877, a son of James Evans, who was a native of the same place. The grandfather, David Evans, came to this country from Scotland, settling in the southeastern part of New York state, and was numbered among the prosperous agriculturists of Greene county. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Ingals, was also a native of Scotland and both died in Greenville. Their sons, James and John Evans, were Union soldiers and their son-in-law, Frank Cathcart, also served in the Civil war. While operating a stage route James Evans carried the mail and he also followed the occupation of farming. His religious views were in harmony with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in politics he maintained an independent course, refusing to follow the dictates of party leaders. He married Elizabeth Purington, daughter of Joseph B. and Ann (Wright) Purington and a native of Scotland. Both Mr. and Mrs. James Evans passed away in Greenville, New York. They are survived



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by six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: George B.; Arthur and Frank, of Greenville, New York; Louis, who lives in Scranton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Grover Brown, a resident of South Westerlo, New York; and Mrs. Bert Griffin, whose home is in Greenville.

George B. Evans mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of his native town and in his youth drove his father's stage-coach, which carried passengers and the mail from Coxsackie to Medusa, New York. Leaving home at the age of twenty years, he came to Albany and after recovering from an operation secured a situation as office boy with the firm of Walker & Gibson, wholesale druggists. Industrious, conscientious and thoroughly dependable, he was rapidly promoted and in 1914, when this firm was consolidated with the house of C. W. Snow, of Syracuse, and the Gibson Drug Company, of Rochester, under the name of the Gibson-Snow Company, Inc., he became vice president, treasurer and general sales manager of the new organization. In 1928 this concern was merged with sixty other drug houses in the United States under the corporate title of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., of Maryland, and of this corporation Mr. Evans has since been a vice president. In addition he is serving as president and treasurer of the McKesson-Gibson-Snow Company, Inc., as treasurer and a director of the Stratton Motors Company of Albany and as treasurer and a trustee of the Albany College of Pharmacy. He has an unusual capacity for detail and is a capable, farsighted and resourceful executive, dominated at all times by an accurate sense of business exigency. For thirty-four years he has concentrated his efforts upon the one line of activity and there is no phase of the drug trade with which he is not thoroughly conversant.

Mr. Evans was married July 12, 1921, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Miss Katherine M. Jones, who was born in New York city but was reared in Albany, acquiring a high school education. During the World war period Mr. Evans was active in the various Liberty Loan campaigns and in the Red Cross drives. In times of peace he has manifested an equally helpful spirit and

as one of the energetic members of the Chamber of Commerce he is pushing forward the wheels of progress in Albany. In the affairs of the Young Men's Christian Association he has long taken a prominent part and for fifteen years was treasurer of the local organization. Without party bias, he closely studies the political situation and votes as his judgment dictates. Fraternally he is an Elk, identified with Albany Lodge, No. 49, and both he and his wife are prominent socially. The latter belongs to the City Club and the Lotus Club, while Mr. Evans is a member of the Rotary Club, the Albany Club, the Aurania Club, the Albany Country Club, the Wolferts Roost Country Club, the Fort Orange Club and the Empire State Drug Club. In trade circles throughout the country he is well known through his connection with the New York State Pharmaceutical Association, the Vermont State Pharmaceutical Association and the National Wholesale Druggists Association. He is a trustee of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church and an earnest advocate of those measures which make for the uplift of the individual and for the benefit of the community at large.

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## CHARLES A. ROEMER

With unquestioned ability and an extensive background of experience and training, Charles A. Roemer has served for more than two decades as superintendent of highways in Rensselaer county, New York. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 9, 1867, and is a son of the late Charles F. and Louisa (Sandel) Roemer. The Roemer family is of German origin, the great-grandfather of Charles A. Roemer having been a prominent carpet manufacturer in Germany. Charles F. Roemer was born in the fatherland and later came to the United States with his brother, Henry. He first settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, then went to Ohio, and in Cincinnati was employed as a bookkeeper until the Civil war. He enlisted in the Union Army, although he was less than twenty-one years old, and fought

through the entire struggle. After his honorable discharge from the service, he moved to Chicago, Illinois, and during the late '60s was in business there. He eventually became affiliated with a shirt manufacturing concern, following which he came to Troy, New York, in 1869 and here continued in the shirt business. He died May 15, 1915. His wife, Louisa (Sandel) Roemer, was a native of Pennsylvania, and died January 25, 1905. Three children were born to their union, namely: Adelaide, who resides at home; Gertrude, the widow of Charles H. Lytle, formerly engaged in the building supply business in Troy, New York, who died in February, 1931, leaving his widow and two children, Arthur R. and Ruth; and Charles A., of this review.

Charles A. Roemer was scarcely two years of age when brought by his parents to Troy, New York. In the acquirement of an education he attended the public schools and the Lansingburg Academy, subsequently pursuing a course in civil engineering at the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute as a member of the class of 1890. His first professional work was performed as assistant engineer with the city of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, in which capacity he continued for nearly a year. Following his return to the Empire state he maintained an office in Rensselaer for a time and in 1894 opened a private office in Troy. He was city engineer of Lansingburg from 1897 until 1901, when the town was annexed to Troy. In 1909 he received appointment as county superintendent of highways, the duties of which important position he has discharged with marked credit to himself throughout the intervening period of twenty-two years, enjoying an enviable reputation as a capable and popular public official.

On November 11, 1897, Mr. Roemer was united in marriage to Lillian B. Ives, a native of Troy, New York, and daughter of Truman and Mary (Bates) Ives. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Roemer. Lillian L. resides at the family home. Charles I., second in order of birth, is in the employ of the Standard Oil Company of New York and is now connected with the Troy office. He is senior deacon of Phoenix Lodge, No. 58, F. & A. M., is past president of the Lansingburg High School Alumni

Association and is president of the Fellowcraft Club. Carl S., the third child born to his parents, is now a student in the Lansingburg high school.

Mr. Roemer's religious affiliation is with the Methodist Church. He belongs to Phoenix Lodge, No. 58, F. & A. M., of Troy; Phoenix Chapter, R. A. M.; and Bloss Council, R. & S. M.; and to the Sans Souci Club of Lansingburg, which was organized in the early '70s as a boat club. It was continued for many years, and finally the property was sold; most of the members are now deceased. Mr. Roemer has won many friends and supporters by his diligent and tireless efforts to conduct his duties in the best possible manner. He has entered into all local affairs of civic nature with real interest, and is generally considered an exemplary citizen.

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## FREDERICK J. SIEMER

One of the best known hotel men of the Hudson River Valley is Frederick J. Siemer, proprietor and manager of the St. George Hotel at Nyack. In taking this over, he acquired one of the most famous hostelries of this section of the state, one which in the period of the gay '90s was in its heyday. Mr. Siemer is familiar with its former history, of which he is proud, for the St. George in those days was the most popular hotel in this section of the valley and its comfortable and elaborate appointments are still in large degree retained. Those were the days of the tally-ho and of fashionable metropolitan parties, which stopped at the St. George on their way to Tuxedo Park. This was the regular place for the changing of horses, and the gay coaches, with their eight-horse teams, presented a striking scene as they set out for the park, after being refreshed in true St. George style. With this background of history, the St. George has always maintained its place among the most popular hotels of this locality, and under the management of Mr. Siemer its prestige has grown, for he is in every sense an up-to-date hotel man and gives his painstaking

attention to the needs and comfort of his guests. He has managed the St. George for nine years, prior to which time he was the manager of the Orawaupum Hotel at White Plains.

Mr. Siemer was born in Germany, and was brought to the United States when about six years old. He claims Washington, D. C., as his home and it was in the public schools of that city that he received his education, also attending the Spencerian Business College. In 1911 he went to White Plains and in 1922 came to Nyack, where he has become not only a successful business man, but also one of the community's popular citizens.

In 1901, Mr. Siemer was married to Miss Gertrude M. Miller, who is associated with her husband in business. Fraternally he is affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Henry Clay Lodge, No. 277, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Tabernacle Chapter, R. A. M., of White Plains; Crusader Commandery, K. T., of White Plains; and Mecca Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of New York city. He is a past grand sword bearer of the grand lodge of Masons of the state of New York. A member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Mr. Siemer is past exalted ruler of White Plains Lodge, No. 535, and he likewise belongs to the Nyack Rotary Club, the Masonic Club of New York, the Eastern Tours Hotel Association and the A. A. A. His name is also on the membership rolls of the Nyack Republican Club. To an unusual degree he possesses the essential qualifications of the successful hotel manager, and all who stop at the St. George are assured of all the comfort and satisfaction that experienced personal service can render.

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## JASON COTTON

Jason Cotton, an aggressive young business man who recently allied his interests with those of Mount Vernon, is engaged in the sale of bonds and insurance. He was born in North Adams, Massachusetts, October 23, 1905, and is a son of Mark and Lina (Stark) Cotton. Leaving his native town at the age of eight years, he removed with his parents to New York and after his

graduation from the Brooklyn high school attended City College. Later he was a student at the Brooklyn Law School, from which he received the degree of LL. B. in 1925, and then opened an insurance office at 63 Park Row, New York city, where he remained until January 1, 1930. On that date he entered business circles of Mount Vernon as a dealer in insurance of all kinds and also handles high-grade bonds and other securities. Systematically and capably managed, his business has enjoyed a steady growth. It is located at 10 Fiske place and conducted under the name of the Jay Cotton Company, Inc., of which he is the president and moving spirit.

Mr. Cotton is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and votes with the republican party. He gives to his business his undivided attention and has the energy, ability and determination which make for progress and for success.

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## HERMAN JOHN WHITE

One of the strongest factors for progress in Saratoga Springs is the organization known as H. J. White Developments, Inc., headed by Herman John White, a forceful executive and a business man of wide experience. He was born in Troy, Rensselaer county, New York, May 18, 1895, a son of John White, now deceased, who was a native of the same city and engaged in business as a cattle dealer. The mother, Molly (Sohmers) White, came to this country from Germany and now makes her home in Albany, New York.

The advantages of a public school education were accorded Herman J. White, who worked for a time for his stepfather, who had several stores in Albany. Early in life he was employed in the circulation department of the New York World, with which he was identified for nine months, working under Mr. Carruthers, circulation manager. Mr. White was next connected with the city division of the post office in New York city for a year and afterward took up publicity work, to which he devoted several

years, writing advertisements for various firms. He then entered upon sales promotion work, specializing in increasing store sales until the nation became involved in the war with Germany, when he responded to the call to arms. He was familiar with military tactics, for while working for his stepfather he had joined the New York National Guard and was a member of the old Tenth Battalion of Albany, serving with Company B of the old Washington Continentals. Enlisting in 1917 for service in the World war, he was assigned to Headquarters Troop of the Thirteenth United States Cavalry and was on active duty until February, 1919, when he received an honorable discharge.

Mr. White then resumed the life of a civilian and while engaged in sales promotion work he was associated with the Troy Record, the Boston Record, the Syracuse Herald, the Buffalo Courier & Express and the Knickerbocker Press of Albany, becoming widely known as a publicity expert. In 1925, after reading an editorial in the New York Times, he conceived the idea of developing Saratoga Springs property and in the furtherance of this plan went to Albany, where he formed the H. J. White Developments, Inc., which is today the largest concern engaged in the development of Saratoga real estate, both lots and acreage, the renting of summer cottages and other types of buildings. This company was organized and incorporated in 1926 for the purpose of purchasing land to be subdivided in Saratoga Springs, because of the state of New York's announced intention to make this city the world's greatest health resort. Most of the properties purchased by this corporation are directly adjoining the state reservation, comprising one thousand acres of land. For its development the state legislature has already appropriated the sum of two million dollars, to be used in carrying out its vast building program, which includes a new hall of springs, bath houses, casino, administration building, hotels, golf courses, and a complete landscape program to make Saratoga Springs an all year round health resort. The various buildings have already been staked out and the work of developing the reservation is well under way. The White holdings are very valuable and are the

most likely of any properties in the city to have a consistent and steady further enhancement in value, insuring a substantial profit to investors in the lots and lands offered for sale by this corporation, which from the very beginning has adhered to a policy of paying its mortgage obligations in preference to dividends. That this plan has been wise is shown by the healthy condition of the business, which is steadily growing under the capable leadership of Mr. White, who is president of the corporation. Associated with him as executives are: the Hon. John J. Merrill, of the state tax commission, who occupies the office of vice president; and John W. Donnan, assistant deputy of the state tax department, who is serving as secretary and treasurer of the company.

Mr. White resides on Kadeross avenue at Saraspa Manors, and he largely finds his recreation in horseback riding. His office is located in the Grand Union Hotel at Saratoga Springs. In politics he is a republican and cooperates in all well defined movements and projects for the benefit of his city but has never sought public office. His fraternal affiliations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the American Legion and to the Chamber of Commerce, and is a past vice president of the real estate board of Saratoga Springs. Mr. White has accomplished much for one of his years, and his energy, ability and force of character insure his continued progress.

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## MILTON M. HALL

Milton M. Hall, who had the advantage of an early start in the legal profession, has had broad experience in the work of the courts and is one of Hudson's best known lawyers. He was born in Greenport, New York, January 24, 1865, a son of Martin and Johanna (Armbruster) Hall, who were natives of Germany. Both were about twenty-one years of age when they made the trip to America and they were married in Claverack, New York. The

father came to Columbia county, this state, in 1852 and here spent the greater part of his life. He attained the venerable age of eighty-five years and long survived the mother, who died at the age of forty-five. To Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hall were born five children, three of whom are now living: Anna, the widow of William Rowley and the mother of a son, Donald, who resides in Greenport, New York; Edward H., whose home is in Alameda, California; and Milton M.

The last named attended the public schools of his native town and at the age of fifteen obtained work in the law office of Willard Peck, afterward continuing his studies while in the employ of the firm of Gaul, Esselstyn & Whitbeck, prominent attorneys of Hudson. Mr. Hall was admitted to the bar in 1889 and was associated with W. Frank Holsapple until 1893, when he began practice under his own name. At that time he was made judge of the police court of Hudson, occupying the office for three years, and in 1898 was elected city judge for a term of four years. He wisely administered the affairs of those tribunals, dispensing justice with an even hand, and upon retiring from the bench resumed the general practice of law in Hudson. He maintains his office at 607 Warren street and has successfully handled much important litigation. In 1913 he assumed the duties of city recorder, and acceptably filled the office for a term of three years.

Mr. Hall was married December 19, 1888, to Miss Lillie V. Hiscox, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Hiscox, and three children were born to them. Mabel, the eldest, is the wife of William P. Woodward, who is connected with the Hudson post office. They reside in the town of Greenport and have four sons. Helen Hall, the second daughter, was graduated from Cornell University and became the wife of Adolph Dovre, a geologist, who is identified with the oil industry. They make their home in San Antonio, Texas, and are the parents of two children. The son, Harold M. Hall, is living in Pontiac, Michigan, and has a wife and one child. Mrs. Milton M. Hall served as president of the Young Women's Christian Association of Hudson and was prominent in the woman's suffrage movement. She was elected presi-

dent of the Woman's Club of Hudson and during the World war was very active in behalf of the American Red Cross, the Liberty Loan campaigns and other drives instituted by the government at that time. Mr. Hall concentrates his attention upon his profession and has ever conformed his practice to its highest ethical standards.

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## HART-HAVILAND

Hartsville is just a few hundred feet beyond the limits of Millbrook, nestling in the shade of towering old trees, many of which are virgin trees that sheltered the first of the Harts who came and settled in this beautiful spot. Philip Hart founded Hartsville, although an older brother had previously purchased land here. The Harts were among the earliest settlers in Little Compton, Rhode Island. The first of the family to establish his home in the colonies was Nicholas Hart, who located in Taunton, Massachusetts, in 1643 and was one of the first merchants of that settlement. Following him in direct line were three Richards: Richard, son of Nicholas; Richard, son of Richard (I); and Richard, son of Richard (II). It is recorded that Nicholas received a grant of eight acres in the town of Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1657. The family from the first were very active in the life of that colony and were prosperous.

Philip Hart came to Dutchess county in 1767. He purchased a tract of land from the Nine Partners, original patentees of land from the Dutch government. He also acquired by purchase much land known as soldiers' grants, the same being grants made to Revolutionary soldiers, who in many instances disposed of it. The immediate land known as Hartsville was originally purchased by an older brother of Philip. The latter erected a dwelling which stood just north of his subsequent residence, which still stands. Between the years 1755 and 1760 he erected the first grist mill of this settlement, below and back of the present mill. The custom of that early day grew fast, for we find him enlarging



BARCLAY HAVILAND

and rebuilding the mill in 1790. He had in the meantime erected a carding and weaving mill and here made cloth for the uniforms of Revolutionary soldiers.

The early expansion of Hartsville was occasioned by the growth of Mr. Hart's own family. His daughters married—one to Isaac Merritt and the other to Dr. Alfred Treadway. This occasioned the erection of additional residences in Hartsville. Dr. Treadway also operated a general store. The wife of Philip Hart, who bore the maiden name of Sussana Akin, was the daughter of Benjamin Akin, a pioneer of the neighborhood, whose residence was situated a mile north of Hartsville, on the south side of the road. Philip Hart prospered and about the year 1800 erected a fine residence which is now occupied by his descendants, Miss Caroline Haviland, and her nephew, John Hunting Otis, together with the latter's family. Eight generations of the descendants of Philip Hart have slept beneath this roof. The front porch of this residence was built in 1835. Susan Hart, daughter of Philip, married Willis Haviland and lived here until 1855. In the meantime Susan Treadway, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Treadway, married Barclay Haviland, and their daughter, Caroline Haviland, is the occupant of the home. Catherine Haviland, daughter of Willis and Susan (Hart) Haviland, married Dr. John C. Otis, and their son, John Haviland Otis, also became a physician. John Hunting Otis, son of John Haviland Otis, became the father of three children: Caroline Elizabeth, Barbara Marie and John Hunting, Jr. John Hunting Otis, nephew of Miss Caroline Haviland, has attained success in the poultry business. His industry, embracing a modern plant where he specializes in White Leghorns, is at Hartsville. He ships to the New York market and has established his business on a profit-paying basis.

Barclay Haviland, father of Caroline Haviland, was born in Chestnut Ridge, Dutchess county, his parents being Eleazar and Abigail (Hiller) Haviland. Eleazar Haviland, a Quaker minister, preached in the old brick meeting-house and was a factor in the Friends school which stood near the Friends meeting-house in the vicinity of Millbrook. The Havilands were birthright Quakers,

and Sussana Akin was also a member of the Religious Society of Friends. The dominating influence of this immediate section that left an indelible impress on the culture of the community was that of the Friends. Many, if not most of them, were of the Hicksite branch. When the division took place, the Hicksites retained the meeting-house and the orthodox branch kept the school. The population of a more or less elongated strip of land through this section was almost wholly of the Quaker faith. The Dutch settlers were along the river, and east of the Quakers were those of other persuasions.

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## PETER HANCE BUSH

Peter Hance Bush, a well known civil engineer of Orange county, is a native son and a worthy representative of honored pioneer families of the Hudson River Valley. He was born in Arden, New York, March 27, 1880, a son of James Harrison and Alice (Hance) Bush. The Bush family, of Dutch lineage, was established in America prior to the Revolutionary war. James H. Bush, father of Peter H. Bush of this review, was a native of Greenwood, now Arden, New York, and an agriculturist by occupation. Actively interested in civic affairs, he served in the capacities of excise commissioner and highway commissioner and assisted materially in the work of highway construction. In early manhood he married Miss Alice Hance, daughter of Peter and Phoebe (Secor) Hance and a representative of two of the old pioneer families of Orange county. The Secor or Seacor family settled in Orange county, New York, prior to 1732. The name Hance is found to have been spelled Hantz, Hanse and Hans.

Peter H. Bush began his education in the public schools of Arden, New York, and subsequently pursued a course in mathematics at the MacChesney School of Paterson, New Jersey, while later he studied law with the Sprague Correspondence School of Law in Detroit, Michigan. Thereafter he turned his attention to other professional work, being graduated as a civil engineer

from the International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Prior to embarking in the engineering profession he was identified with the Fourth National Bank of New York, but he found the work too confining and returned home to accept a position as engineer with Fred J. Knight, C. E., of Monroe, New York. He was later assistant engineer on the Croton dam in the service of the New York aqueduct commission and afterward was connected with the department of water supply, gas and electricity of New York city on water supply distribution. Mr. Bush designed and superintended the construction of the Orange-Rockland dam for the Orange and Rockland Electric Company. During the period of the World war he was selected for a commission as captain of engineers but was rejected for active duty on account of physical disability. He was then assigned to the shipyard at New Haven, Connecticut, and also did effective work in connection with the secret service. His high standing in his profession is indicated in his position as vice president of the Orange County Chapter of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers.

On the 15th of January, 1907, Mr. Bush married Miss Mary E. Hollenbeck, daughter of David M. and Elizabeth (Barnes) Hollenbeck and member of an old and prominent family of Orange county. Both the Hollenbeck and Barnes families received early land grants from the crown. To Mr. and Mrs. Bush have been born five children, namely: Peter H., Jr.; Alice E., at home; Mary T., who died at the age of five years; James M., a high school student; and Eleanor Barnes. Peter H. Bush, Jr., the eldest of the family, born November 27, 1908, was graduated from Syracuse University with the Bachelor of Science degree in 1930 and is now superintendent of construction for the firm of Hull & Hollenbeck, road builders of Central Valley. On the 6th of June, 1930, he married Lois Kathryn Decker, of Montgomery, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Bush gives his political support to the republican party and manifests an active and helpful interest in matters of civic import. He has served as president of the Harriman board of

education for twelve years and has filled the office of justice of the peace at Harriman for eight years. He is an Episcopalian in religious faith and fraternally is affiliated with Standard Lodge, No. 711, F. & A. M., of Monroe, and with Greenwood Council, No. 140, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, of which he served for two years as councilor. His activities and his interests are wide and varied and the principles which govern his conduct at all times make him a man of sterling worth, highly esteemed wherever known and most of all where he is best known. He maintains his office in Monroe and his residence in Harriman.

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## PURDY EDWARD ABBEY

Purdy Edward Abbey, treasurer of C. W. Hughes & Company and one of the substantial business men of Mechanicville, was born at Willow Point, in the town of Vestal, New York, September 18, 1891. He is a scion of one of the early families of New England and at Enfield, Massachusetts, a monument was erected to the memory of one of his Abbey ancestors, who served with distinction in the Continental Army. Through this ancestor Mr. Abbey is eligible to membership in the Sons of the American Revolution. His father, Martin Dexter Abbey, a merchant and farmer, was a native of Peoria, Illinois, and passed away in 1920. The mother, Anna King (Bissel) Abbey, was born in Ohio and died in July, 1931.

In the acquirement of an education Purdy E. Abbey attended the grammar and high schools of Windsor, New York, and afterward engaged in teaching for two years. Subsequently he was employed as manager by the Woolworth Company for eight years, having charge of their store in Mechanicville during three years of that period. In 1921 he joined the clerical force of C. W. Hughes & Company, later becoming manager of the retail department, and in November, 1930, purchased their retail store. His knowledge of mercantile affairs has been gained by years of practical experience and to the conduct of his commercial interests he

brings keen business insight as well as the requisite executive force.

Mr. Abbey was married in Binghamton, New York, October 30, 1915, to Miss Florence Louise Joyner, who was born at Whitney Point, New York, and is a daughter of Charles E. and Dora (Thurston) Joyner, also natives of that town, where the father has long followed agricultural pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Abbey have three sons, Winslow, Courtland and Gifford, aged respectively eleven, seven and two years.

Mr. Abbey is a past district deputy grand master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his political support is given to the republican party. In the work of the First Methodist Episcopal Church he takes a deep interest and is superintendent of its Sunday school. His home is in Hemstreet Park and his business address is 42 Main street. Closely applying himself to the work in hand, he has steadily advanced toward the goal fixed by his ambition, winning success by methods which neither seek nor require disguise, and merits and receives the respect of his fellowmen.

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## DANIEL J. HAGGERTY

A self-made man who found his usefulness as a youth in the same field that still claims his attention, Daniel J. Haggerty is now an official of the Dutchess Manufacturing Company of Poughkeepsie, and in association with the late J. Frank Hull helped to make this one of the greatest organizations of its kind in the world. He became connected with the company as a boy in the humble capacity of shipping clerk, and through service of a high order rose to the position he now holds—that of vice president in charge of purchasing. He is a native of Poughkeepsie, New York, born May 1, 1868, and attended schools of this city. He worked at various jobs prior to entering the employ of the Dutchess Manufacturing Company, with which he has remained continuously to the present time and to the steady expansion and success of which he has contributed in substantial measure.

Mr. Haggerty has a son and a daughter, Joseph and Mary, the former educated at Brown University and the latter at Mount St. Vincent's. Joseph Haggerty, now a civil engineer in the employ of the New York Central Railroad, is married and has a daughter, Marilyn. D. J. Haggerty takes a proper part in the social activities of his community and is personally popular.

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## EDWARD J. HUNT

Among the public officials of Mechanicville none is better known than Edward J. Hunt, who for many years has served as commissioner of accounts. He was born in Half Moon, New York, June 16, 1868, a son of John and Ellen (Pickett) Hunt, who came to this country from Ireland and resided for many years in the Empire state. The mother departed this life in 1906 and in 1913 the father responded to the final summons.

Reared on his father's farm, Edward J. Hunt attended the schools of that locality and upon starting out in life for himself entered the grocery business, which claimed his attention for a number of years. Later he was associated with the Boston & Maine Railroad Company. He first gained public prominence as collector of taxes, thus serving in 1913 and 1914. Since that time he has been commissioner of accounts, also performing the duties of city clerk and acting city judge. He is energetic, conscientious and efficient and his continuation in office proves that the worth of his services is thoroughly appreciated. During the period of the World war he was active in the Liberty Loan campaigns and other drives instituted by the government at that time.

Mr. Hunt was married in Mechanicville, August 16, 1892, to Miss Margaret G. Kelley, who was born in Mineville, Essex county, New York, a daughter of William and Ann (Connors) Kelley, who were natives of Ireland. The father, a railroad employe, is now deceased and the mother has also passed away. To Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were born six children, all of whom are

natives of Mechanicville. William J., the eldest, is thirty-seven years of age and has become an accountant in the public service department of the state of New York. In 1917 he enlisted in the United States Infantry and was on active duty until the signing of the armistice. In 1914 he married Miss Amy Smodell, by whom he has a daughter, Elizabeth, aged six years. John F., a young man of thirty-five, is connected with the postal department of the government and lives at home. As a cavalryman he went to France with the American Expeditionary Forces and, like his elder brother, he was honorably discharged at the close of the World war. Edward M., twenty-five years of age, was graduated from New York University and is now a parole officer at Syracuse, New York. The other members of the family are: Gerald, a young man of twenty-three; Mary M., aged twenty years, a student at the Cortland Normal School; and Bernadine, who is fifteen years of age and is a public school pupil.

The residence of the family is at 160 Saratoga avenue. Mr. Hunt votes with the democratic party and is a communicant of the Roman Catholic Church. Along fraternal lines he has connection with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A resident of Mechanicville for many years, he fills an important place in the life of the community and possesses those qualities which win for a man the respect and confidence of his fellows.

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## CHARLES SUMNER SHEENAN

Charles Sumner Sheenan is one of Spring Valley's old and honored citizens and conducts an extensive and successful insurance and real estate business. He was born in Utica, Oneida county, New York, July 15, 1862, his parents being Peter John and Agnes (Sweet) Sheenan, born in the years 1811 and 1816, respectively. The father's death occurred in 1892, while the mother passed away in 1878. John Peter Sheenan, the paternal grandfather of Charles S. Sheenan, was a commissioned officer in the

army of Napoleon Bonaparte, with whom he crossed the Alps. He lived to the age of eighty-two years. The family is of old French-Huguenot stock, and was established in this country in an early day.

In the acquirement of an education Charles S. Sheenan attended the public schools of Utica, New York, and the Advance School of that city. He became superintendent of one of the oldest manufactories of Utica, later served in the same capacity in the Herkimer desk factory and also had supervision over factories in New York and Philadelphia. Some years ago he came to Spring Valley and began operations in the insurance and real estate field, to which he has since devoted his entire attention, being widely known as a capable and reliable business man.

In 1889, Mr. Sheenan was married to Mary Rivette and they became the parents of four children: Joseph Story, George Dewey, Amy and Hazel. The first named, Joseph Story, a graduate of the Saunders Trades School at Yonkers, is a construction engineer. He enlisted in the United States Navy during the World war and was in the naval officers training school at Columbia University. He married Bertilee Sharpling and they reside at Wood Ridge, New Jersey, with their two sons, Donald and Earle. George Dewey, who has charge of swinging bridges over the New York Central Railroad at Albany, was a millwright at the Ilion (N. Y.) war munitions factory of the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company during the World war. Amy is an X-ray dental specialist of New York. Hazel married John R. Roseborough, of Albany, New York. The mother of the above named, Mrs. Mary (Rivette) Sheenan, died at Herkimer, New York, and in 1912 Mr. Sheenan was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Agnes (Heyenga) Haerter, who passed away in 1928. She was a daughter of William Heyenga, who emigrated to America in 1858 and who is historically known as the first manufacturer of briar pipes in the United States, establishing three factories in New York city during the Civil war and furnishing pipes for the Union soldiers. After the cessation of hostilities between the north and the south he consolidated his

three factories into one plant in Spring Valley. Germany, Spain and other European countries had been shipping briar pipes to this country, but during the early days of the Civil war the blockade shut off the supply. Mr. Heyenga purchased the old Dutch factory at Spring Valley, and his methods and results conclusively proved that good briar pipes could be made in this country and that a false price had been placed upon the foreign-made pipes prior to that time. He also established a company store at Spring Valley and sold merchandise to his employes at cost. He contributed to the development of the community by offering prizes to the families producing the most attractive gardens in Heyengaville, making it one of the beauty spots of the valley. The community became known as Heyengaville and Lake Heyenga. After the death of Mr. Heyenga, his daughter, Mrs. Sheenan, successfully carried on the business of manufacturing briar pipes for many years.

Mr. Sheenan is a republican in his political views. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order, belonging to Athelstane Lodge, No. 839, F. & A. M.; and Rockland Chapter, No. 204, R. A. M., of Nyack. He is a man of sterling qualities and kindly manner who has the best interests of his community at heart. His life record has been one of unabating industry, and all who have come in contact with him hold him in the highest esteem.

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## GEORGE VAN VLEET CAMERON

George Van Vleet Cameron, hardware merchant of Albany, New York, son of the late Madison and Sarah (Griffith) Cameron, is a descendant (fifth generation) of James and Christia (Mord) Cameron, who came to America from Scotland (1773) and settled in Warren county, New York, where he engaged in farming and lumbering. Jimmy's Peak, a mountain near the family homestead, was named in his honor. James Cameron (third generation) served in the War of 1812 and represented his district in the state legislature (1840). Madison Cameron, father

of George V., born in Warren county, New York, attended the Albany Academy. After his marriage (1865) he settled in Steuben county, New York. He moved with his family to Albany in 1891.

On the maternal side George V. Cameron is a descendant (tenth generation) of Lion and Mary (Wilimson) Gardiner, of Gardiner's Island and East Hampton, who came to America (1635). Lion Gardiner was engineer and commander of fortifications for the English. He planned and commanded (1635-1639) Fort Saybrooke, the first fortification in New England. Lion Gardiner purchased from the Indians (1639) (Manchonac) Gardiner's Island and moved there with his family. In 1653 he removed to East Hampton, where a monument is erected to his memory. Stephen Griffith, of the patriotic Griffith family of Revolutionary fame, married Mary Gardiner (daughter of Lion Gardiner VI) in 1867. Their son Henry was the maternal grandfather of George V. Cameron.

Mr. Cameron married Martha L., daughter of the late John and Rachel (MacDowell) Thompson, of Albany, New York. She is a graduate of the Albany high school and took a special course at Columbia University. Their daughter, Jane, is a graduate of the Albany Academy for Girls and the Gardner School of New York city.

Mr. Cameron is a graduate of Haverling Academy, Bath, New York. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, member of the Albany and Albany Country Clubs, and is a director of the Central Bank of Albany, New York.

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## THOMAS JOHN GOODFELLOW, B. A., M. D., C. M., F. A. C. S.

Dr. Thomas J. Goodfellow, a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat and an outstanding figure in medical circles of Saratoga Springs, is a native of Canada, his birth having occurred at Parham, Ontario, on the 11th of February, 1884. His parents, John and Agnes McLeod (Hamilton) Goodfellow, were



DR. THOMAS J. GOODFELLOW

also natives of the province of Ontario and both are now deceased, the former passing away in 1911 and the latter in 1890.

Reared on the home farm, Dr. Goodfellow attended the schools of that locality and obtained his higher education in Queens University, from which he won the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1907. Two years later his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Medicine and Master in Surgery. Crossing the border, he located for practice in Warren, Pennsylvania, and was connected with the State Hospital for Insane from 1909 until 1913. He resigned to become house surgeon at the New York Post-Graduate Hospital, and filled the position for two years, concentrating his attention upon diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. In these branches of the profession he excels and since July 5, 1915, has practiced successfully in Saratoga Springs. He is a member of the surgical staff of Saratoga Hospital, in charge of the eye, ear, nose and throat department, and is associated with the Mount McGregor Metropolitan Sanitarium and the Benedict Memorial Hospital at Ballston Spa, New York, in the capacity of a consultant.

Dr. Goodfellow was married in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, April 8, 1915, to Miss N. Virginia Bowers, who was born in Lewistown, that state. Her father, James Bowers, was also a native of Lewistown and passed away in 1925. The mother, Etta (Rinehart) Bowers, was born in Hopewell, Pennsylvania, and makes her home in Lewistown. Dr. and Mrs. Goodfellow have two daughters, Agnes Louise and Virginia May, twins, aged nine years.

The residence of the family is at 153 Lake avenue, Saratoga Springs, and the Doctor's office is in the Arcade at 374 Broadway. Unbiased in his political views, he votes as his judgment dictates, and is a Presbyterian in religious belief. In Masonry he has connection with Rising Sun Lodge, F. & A. M.; Albany Consistory, A. A. S. R., in which he has taken the thirty-second degree, and Troy Temple of the Mystic Shrine. During the World war period he was medical examiner for recruits from Saratoga county and also served on the medical advisory board for Saratoga, Warren, Washington, Hamilton and Essex counties. He is a past president

of the Saratoga Springs Medical Society and in 1928 and 1929 was president of the Saratoga County Medical Society. He is also a member of the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Board of Oto-Laryngology. Dr. Goodfellow has been accorded a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons—a fact indicative of his marked ability and high standing in his profession.

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## LEWIE D. HUMPHREY

A resident of Saratoga Springs for forty-three years, Lewie D. Humphrey has represented the G. F. Harvey Company in executive capacities during most of that time and has left the deep impress of his individuality upon the history of the business, which is one of extensive proportions. He is president, treasurer and general manager of the company, which is located at 9 Wells street. Born in Stillwater, Saratoga county, New York, March 14, 1860, he is a son of Edwin and Pauline (Baker) Humphrey, the latter a native of Mechanicville, Saratoga county. The father passed away in 1893 and the mother's demise occurred the same day.

Reared on the home farm, Lewie D. Humphrey attended the public schools of that locality and for two years was a student at Mrs. Ames' Academy in Mechanicville. Entering the educational field, he taught a district school for eight winter terms and then turned his attention to commercial pursuits. In 1888 he came to Saratoga Springs as a bookkeeper for Churchill & Humphrey, coal dealers, and remained with the firm for two years. In 1890 he entered the employ of The G. F. Harvey Company, starting as a bookkeeper and cashier, and was steadily promoted as he demonstrated his ability and worth. He was elected secretary of the company June 17, 1918, thus serving until the death of L. H. Cramer on the 26th of February, 1927, when he became treasurer and general manager. D. W. Mabee, head of the organization, passed away December 29, 1929, and at the an-

nual meeting of the directors, held April 16, 1930, Mr. Humphrey was elected president, retaining the titles of treasurer and general manager. For forty-one years he has been with this concern and has outlived all of the officers and directors who were associated with the business in 1890. Progressing with the organization, he has made his well directed labors a vital force in its development and in its control manifests the wisdom, initiative and foresight of the true executive. The company manufactures syrups, tinctures and many other preparations for the use of physicians, turning out high-grade products, for which there is a wide and ever increasing demand. The scope and importance of the business is indicated in the fact that the company has sixty-two traveling salesmen, who cover all of the states east of the Rocky mountains. In addition to his activities as a manufacturer, Mr. Humphrey has financial interests connecting him with the Adirondack Trust Company, of which he is a director.

On the 11th of June, 1884, Mr. Humphrey was married to Miss Ella A. Wilbur, a daughter of Lewis B. and Anna (Lindsay) Wilbur, of Columbia county, New York, who are now deceased. Her grandfather, Peter Lindsay, resided in Newark, New Jersey, and served as mayor of that city for a number of years. Mrs. Humphrey passed away in 1908, leaving a family of four children. The eldest, Mabel E., was married to George Steinacher, now deceased, who was a prominent lawyer of Saratoga Springs, and Marion, their only child, is now a young woman of twenty-two years. At St. Petersburg, Florida, Mrs. Steinacher became the wife of Raymond E. Marshall, who is an engineer in the employ of The G. F. Harvey Company. The son, Clarence W. Humphrey, a young man of thirty-five years, is with the Edison Electric Company in New York city. Louella S., the second daughter, aged twenty-nine years, was married in 1924 to Chester Neff, a production engineer in the steel business at Marion, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Neff are now living in Cleveland, Ohio, and have a son, Warren H., four years of age. Gladys Louise Humphrey, aged twenty-six years, is employed as a private secretary by one of the leading physicians of Boston. On the 21st of

November, 1911, Mr. Humphrey remarried, choosing for his second wife Miss Anna Lydia Waring, a daughter of William H. and Lydia Waring. Her father, a well known liveryman of Saratoga Springs, has passed away and the mother is also deceased.

Mr. Humphrey has long been an earnest, helpful member of the Methodist Church and is serving as secretary and treasurer of its board of trustees. As a citizen he is loyal and public-spirited and during the period of the World war was a member of various Liberty Loan committees. He belongs to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M.; is a past high priest of Rising Sun Chapter, No. 131, R. A. M.; a past commander of Washington Commandery, No. 33, K. T., and has a life membership in all Masonic bodies up to the consistory. He is treasurer of the Masonic Hall Association of Saratoga Springs, a member of the Masonic and Saratoga Clubs and a past president of the local Rotary Club. While he has figured prominently in the affairs of the various organizations with which he is identified, Mr. Humphrey never neglects his business and is successfully guiding the destiny of one of the foremost corporations of the kind in the country. The force of his personality and his well developed powers have carried him ever onward and upward and his integrity, ability and strength of character are attested by all who know him.

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## REV. CHARLES HALSEY LINDSLEY FORD

Educational progress in Saratoga Springs has been stimulated by the well directed efforts of the Rev. Charles Halsey Lindsley Ford, a clergyman of the Episcopal Church and now serving as rector and principal of St. Faith's School for girls. He was born in Binghamton, Broome county, New York, December 10, 1887, a son of Charles Lindsley Ford and a grandson of Charles Halsey Lindsley Ford, who was a prominent lumberman and tobacco grower in Pennsylvania. Charles Lindsley Ford, a native of Lawrenceville, Tioga county, Pennsylvania, became a lumber inspector and continued in that line of business until his death in 1916. His

wife, Sarah T. (Miller) Ford, was born in Mount Morris, Livingston county, New York, and passed away in 1919.

Rev. C. H. L. Ford attended the grammar and high schools of his native city and St. Stephen's College at Annandale, Dutchess county, New York, continuing his education in the General Theological Seminary of New York city, where he was graduated in 1913. In the same year he was ordained a deacon and in 1914 entered the priesthood. His first charge was Zion Church at Windsor, New York, where he spent two years, and then became rector of Grace Episcopal Church at Cortland, New York, there remaining for three years. In 1917 he became a chaplain in the United States Army and was with the artillery forces of the Twenty-seventh Division at Spartanburg, South Carolina, until 1918, when he was transferred to the army chaplain school at Fortress Monroe, Virginia. He was next senior chaplain of the Coast Defense at Boston, Massachusetts, and later in the year 1918 went to France with the Fourth Anti-Aircraft Battalion, remaining in the service until 1919, when he was honorably discharged at Fort Totten, near Flushing, New York. During 1919 he was a post-graduate student at Syracuse University and at New York University, making thorough preparation for educational work. After his discharge he was an instructor in St. John's School at Manlius, New York, for two years. In 1921 he became connected with the Howe Military School at Howe, Indiana, where he continued for two years, and in 1923 came to Saratoga Springs as principal and rector of St. Faith's School, which has made notable progress under his capable leadership. Founded forty-one years ago to meet the needs of girls of moderate means, this is an Episcopal school of high standing and a detailed account of its history is given elsewhere in this work.

On the 4th of October, 1916, Rev. Ford was married in Cortland, New York, to Miss Frances N. Alley, a native of that city and a daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Newkirk) Alley. The father, who was born in Moravia, Cayuga county, New York, has long engaged in the banking business in Cortland. The mother is a native of Cortland and a descendant of John More, of Roxbury,

Delaware county, New York, who served with the rank of captain in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Ford is one of the Daughters of the American Revolution and an active worker in the Episcopal Church. Mr. Ford is chaplain of the One Hundred and Fifth Infantry of the New York National Guard, with the rank of captain. In the affairs of the American Legion he has figured prominently as state chaplain and county commander and formerly was commander of his post. He belongs to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., is a past high priest of the Royal Arch Chapter and has taken the thirty-second degree in Masonry. He votes with the republican party and stands for all that counts as an asset in public progress and community welfare. He has never been an idle sentimentalist, but a worker, and the lofty ideals which he cherishes find embodiment in practical effort for their adoption.

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## NOAH HARRISON BROWNING

Noah H. Browning, who has engaged in the practice of law in Hudson for thirty-eight years, gaining state-wide prominence in his profession, was born in Chatham, New York, June 30, 1863, a son of Charles Browning. The first representative of the name in the new world was Nathaniel Browning, who came to this country from London, England, in 1618 and was one of the earliest settlers of Portsmouth, Rhode Island. In 1650 he married Sarah Freeborn and a son, William Browning, was born to them at Portsmouth, Rhode Island, in 1651. Rebecca Wilbur became the wife of William Browning in 1687 and they had a son, John Browning, who was a native of South Kingston, Rhode Island. On the 21st of April, 1721, he married Ann Hazard, by whom he had a son, Jeremiah Browning, born at South Kingston in 1726. He married Ruth Browning, May 4, 1755, and their son, Jeremiah Browning, Jr., was born at Block Island, Rhode Island, September 7, 1758. On the 9th of May, 1782, he married Sally Morey and a son, Jeremiah Browning (III), was born to them at Stonington, Connecticut, October 23, 1783. His wife was Martha

Foster and they were the parents of Charles Browning, who was born in Livingston, Columbia county, New York, March 8, 1825. He attained the eightieth milestone on life's journey, passing away March 15, 1905. In young manhood he had married Mary L. Harrison, whose forbears, like those of her husband, were farmers. She was a descendant of Richard Harrison, an Englishman, who came to America in 1644, settling in New Haven, Connecticut. His son, Thomas Harrison, married a Miss Thompson and they were the parents of Nathaniel Harrison, who was born December 13, 1658. He became the father of Daniel Harrison, who was born September 16, 1694. The latter's son, Noah Harrison, was born in 1725 and became the father of Edward Harrison, born May 1, 1768. His son, Noah Harrison (II), was born February 27, 1798, and as a young man married Susan Morey, a daughter of Hazard Morey. They were the parents of Mary L. Harrison, who was born May 9, 1837, and became the mother of Noah H. Browning. She died in 1901.

After acquiring a high school education Noah H. Browning attended Swarthmore College of Pennsylvania and was next a student at the University of Michigan, which conferred upon him the degree of LL. B. in 1886. Following his graduation he was employed in the law office of C. P. & F. J. Collier and in 1888 was admitted to the New York bar. On the 1st of January, 1893, he became a partner in the firm of Collier, Collier & Browning, whose interests were conducted under that name for fifteen years in Hudson, New York. On the expiration of that period the name was changed to Collier, Browning & Moy—a relationship that existed until May, 1913, since which time Mr. Browning has practiced alone. He is located at 609 Warren street, Hudson, and is accorded a liberal clientele. He possesses a comprehensive knowledge of the law and displays marked skill in its exposition. Recognition of his legal acumen led to his appointment as transfer tax attorney for the state of New York, in which capacity he acted for five years. At the time of the World war he was one of three Columbia county attorneys chosen by President Wilson to serve on the permanent legal advisory board during the period of

the draft. This board appointed associate members on the draft board.

On the 27th of July, 1893, Mr. Browning was married to Miss Sarah M. Rivenburgh, a native of Hudson and a daughter of Jacob M. and Elizabeth (Mason) Rivenburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Browning have a son, Philip M., who was born March 15, 1899, and is now connected with the Pittsburgh office of the Standard Oil Company. At the age of eighteen he was drafted but was not called upon for service in the World war. He was married April 14, 1920, to Miss Freda M. Bratt, by whom he has a son, Philip M., Jr., born July 2, 1930.

Fraternally Noah H. Browning is a Mason, identified with Hudson Lodge, No. 7, F. & A. M. He has few interests outside of his profession, of which he is an able exponent, and the course which he has followed throughout life is one which has gained for him the esteem of his fellow practitioners and the respect of the general public as well.

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## WILLIAM H. SOMMER

In legal circles of Mount Vernon, his native city, William H. Sommer is well known, for he has practiced here since his admission to the bar and is an able attorney of broad experiences. Born January 17, 1880, he is a son of Christian F. and Elizabeth (Krantz) Sommer, the latter a native of New York city. The father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, April 12, 1852, and came to the United States as a young man. A Lutheran minister, he was called to Long Island, and to Syracuse, New York, before coming to Mount Vernon in 1877 and for many years has been pastor of Immanuel Church here.

When he had mastered the branches of learning taught in the local schools William H. Sommer made preparation for his chosen vocation by enrolling as a student in the New York Law School and in 1903 was admitted to the bar. He then returned to Mount Vernon, where he has practiced continuously for twenty-

eight years, and is now located at 7 South Third street. His mind is analytical and inductive in its trend and the court records bear proof of his powers as an attorney, showing that he has successfully handled much important litigation. For six years he was acting city judge, wisely administering the affairs of that tribunal and dispensing justice with an even hand.

In 1921 Mr. Sommer was married to Miss Ella Ganzenmuller, a native of New York city and a daughter of Adolph and Emilie (Wolf) Ganzenmuller. Her father died in Mount Vernon, December 5, 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Sommer have two children, Alice E. and Helene. Mr. Sommer is a faithful member of the Lutheran Church and belongs to the Westchester County, New York State and American Bar Associations. He closely applies himself to his legal work and at all times has adhered to a course which reflects credit upon his profession.

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## JOSEPH THOMAS LANNON

Joseph Thomas Lannon, one of the young and talented members of the bar of Saratoga Springs, was born in this city on the 4th of December, 1902, and is of Celtic descent. His father, John Joseph Lannon, a native of Belfast, Ireland, sought the opportunities of the new world in early life and after spending some time in Chicago removed to Saratoga Springs, where he resided until his death on July 21, 1929. The mother, Margaret Louise (Galligan) Lannon, has always lived in Saratoga Springs and is seventy-two years of age.

After his high school course was completed Joseph T. Lannon obtained a situation with Banton Moore, a well known attorney of New York city, and there acquired his first knowledge of legal procedure. While working for Mr. Moore, he attended the Fordham Law School in New York city, where he won the degree of LL. B. in 1924. He was admitted to the New York bar in June, 1927, and continued with Mr. Moore for three years thereafter, gaining a wide and varied experience in legal work in that con-

nection. He also engaged in general practice in Buffalo and recently located in Saratoga Springs. He is now associated with his brother, William Patrick Lannon, a well known criminal lawyer, and is considered one of the coming legal lights of the local bar. He was reared in the Catholic faith and is a conscientious follower of the teachings of his church and a young man of pleasing personality and substantial worth.

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## FREDERICK ERICKSON

One of the best remembered of the late residents of Mahopac, Putnam county, New York, is Frederick Erickson, whose death, which occurred on January 5, 1922, was regarded as a distinct loss to the town and county of which he had been an honored resident for many years. He was born in Dutchess county, New York, on the 18th of December, 1876, a son of Andrew and Helena (Pierson) Erickson, both of whom are deceased. The father, who died in 1908, was an able and energetic business man and became an extensive landowner. To him and his wife were born nine children, five sons and four daughters, namely: Elmer, William, Frederick, Bertha, Stout, Josephine, Peter, Elizabeth and Clara. Elizabeth and Frederick are deceased.

Frederick Erickson was about five years of age when his parents brought their family to Lake Mahopac, Putnam county, where they established permanent home. In the public schools of this county he received his educational training and while still in young manhood he engaged in building contracting, in which he became very successful. He built many of the leading homes in Mahopac, as well as the Methodist Episcopal Church, and won a high reputation for the honesty of his work and his sound and dependable business methods. He also did landscape work. For many years he was likewise engaged in real estate transactions, and he was regarded as a man of marked business efficiency, commanding the confidence and respect of all who had dealings with him.



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Mr. Erickson was united in marriage to Miss Sadie E. Barrett a member of one of Carmel's old and well known families. To this union was born a son, Eric Waldo, October 22, 1906, who is associated with his mother in business. They have developed and are successfully conducting an extensive sand and gravel business, are carrying on the real estate business established by Mr. Erickson and now own extensive real estate interests in Mahopac. They also own a grocery store and conduct a boat livery, all of which, under their judicious management, are prosperous enterprises. The son is named for his paternal great-grandfather. William Barrett, the maternal grandfather, was a veteran of the Civil war and lost an eye while fighting in the Union Army.

Frederick Erickson was a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the lodge at Brewster, and in politics was a warm supporter of the republican party. His religious membership was with the Methodist Episcopal Church and he gave his support to all worthy benevolent causes and such movements as were calculated to promote the public welfare. He was a man of kindly and genial manner, easily made friends, and during all the years of his residence here he commanded the fullest measure of esteem on the part of his fellowmen, by whom his death was greatly regretted.

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## HON. J. FRANK HULL

The late J. Frank Hull, former mayor, banker and public-spirited citizen, accomplished much in many avenues of lasting worth, but his great achievement of nation-wide note was the founding and guidance of the Dutchess Manufacturing Company, a concern recognized throughout the United States as a leader of its field. The members of the Hull family have furnished much to the business, social and cultural life of Poughkeepsie.

The Hulls were of Quaker ancestry, the American progenitor being Rev. Joseph Hull, who was born in Somersetshire, Eng-

land, in 1594 and landed in Boston, Massachusetts, May 6, 1635. He died on the Isle of Shoals, November 19, 1665. Through his son Tristam the line is descended. The latter, born in England in 1624, came to America with his father and died February 22, 1662. His son John was born in March, 1654, and died December 1, 1732. John Hull, Jr., son and namesake of John Hull, was born December 4, 1694, and had a son, Tedeman, born February 1, 1734, who in turn was the father of Charles Wager. The last named, who was born April 16, 1765, and died August 28, 1858, was the father of eleven children.

John Franklin Hull, son of Charles Wager Hull and father of J. Frank Hull of this review, was born in Stanfordville, New York, November 20, 1816, and died in Poughkeepsie, October 20, 1896. His wife bore the maiden name of Chloe Winchell Hartwell. He attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and when a youth of fourteen years came to Poughkeepsie, where he obtained a clerkship in the dry goods store of W. W. White. He later entered the service of the Poughkeepsie Bank and while there was chosen cashier of the Pine Plains Bank as successor to F. W. Davis, who had accepted the post of cashier of the Farmers & Manufacturers Bank. Following his return to Poughkeepsie, Mr. Hull was identified with the Fallkill National Bank for a period covering a half century. He also served Poughkeepsie in the capacities of alderman, police commissioner and member of the board of education, was treasurer of Dutchess county at the time of the Civil war and was a member of the board of trustees of the Old Ladies Home. To him and his wife were born three children: John Franklin, known as J. Frank; William B.; and Mary Shephard.

J. Frank Hull, whose name introduces this article, was born at Pine Plains, New York, November 15, 1849. In the acquirement of an education he attended the College Hill School and the Riverview Military Academy, formerly Bisbee's Military School. His initial business experience was gained as a clerk in the Fallkill National Bank. In the meantime a small concern manufacturing overalls had been established on North Cherry street,

Poughkeepsie, under the firm name of Lasher, Haight & Kelly. William Forsby had acquired an interest in the enterprise, and upon his death this was purchased by Mr. Hull, who then entered into active connection with the business under the new firm style of Lasher & Hull. The junior partner purchased the interest of his associate in 1897 and the business was continued under the name of Hull & Company until 1901, when it was incorporated as the Dutchess Manufacturing Company. The plant had been moved to Crannell street in 1888. The growth of the concern was rapid, and under the astute management of Mr. Hull it broadened its markets to almost every corner of the world where pants were worn. The famous Dutchess trousers were known as a superior grade and were made in so many patterns that one could purchase a pair to match almost any coat and vest. The Dutchess Manufacturing Company soon became the largest industry of its kind in the world. Mr. Hull was one of the very first to advocate and to incorporate profit sharing with his employes. He made it possible for heads of departments to acquire stock in the company and extended many innovations to the employe personnel in its entirety. He inaugurated the nine-hour day in his factory, also established sanitary and hygienic working conditions in the plant, held informal conferences with employes, promoted outings for the workmen and their families and also furnished other entertainment. He was the pioneer in the movement of cooperative team work founded on mutual respect and mutual interest between employer and employe. There were no labor strikes in his plant, and at his death there were none more grieved than the men who served in his factory. The present officers of the Dutchess Manufacturing Company are as follows: Mrs. J. Frank Hull, president; William W. Gibson, vice president; D. J. Haggerty, second vice president; J. Franklin Hull, secretary; F. L. Sweetser, treasurer; John M. Bush, assistant manager; and Harold N. Hustis, superintendent.

On the 7th of March, 1877, Mr. Hull was united in marriage to Mrs. Lucinda Ruth (Sterling) Holley, daughter of George W. Sterling. They were the parents of three children, namely: John

Franklin, born July 1, 1878, who died in August, 1878; William Franklin, who was born August 30, 1881, and passed away August 9, 1882; and Ruth Chapin, born May 2, 1884. On the 31st of December, 1894, Mr. Hull was again married, his second union being with Carrie L. Gibson, who was born at Marengo, New York, March 24, 1868, her father being the late Rev. Daniel Gibson. J. Frank and Carrie Hull were the parents of four children: Lucinda Gibson, who was born April 8, 1896, and died June 3, 1896; John Franklin, born October 16, 1898; Stanley Gibson, born August 18, 1900; and Charles Amory, born December 17, 1901. Of these, John Franklin attended school in Poughkeepsie and also pursued a course at Columbia University. He is now an official of the Dutchess Manufacturing Company and is a member of the Amrita Club. Charles Amory acquired his education in private schools and as a student at Williams College. Stanley Gibson Hull, who was educated in private schools, is connected with the Dutchess Manufacturing Company. Fraternally he is affiliated with the following Masonic bodies: Triune Lodge, No. 782, F. & A. M.; Poughkeepsie Chapter, No. 172, R. A. M.; King Solomon Council, No. 31, R. & S. M.; Poughkeepsie Commandery, No. 43, K. T.; Tri-po-Bed Grotto, M. O. V. P. E. R., in which he held the office of venerable prophet in 1929-30; and Cyprus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., of Albany, New York. He also belongs to the Amrita Club, the Tennis Club, the Square Club and the National League of Masonic Clubs and until April 2, 1931, was a member of the Poughkeepsie Exchange Club.

J. Frank Hull was elected mayor of Poughkeepsie in 1896 and gave the city a splendid administration in accord with his business principles. In addition to controlling the extensive interests of the Dutchess Manufacturing Company, he was a director of the Dutchess Insurance Company and the Seabury Gas Engine & Boiler Company of Morris Heights, New York city. He was a charter member of the Amrita Club and an active member of the Second Reformed Church. He also took much interest in Florentine Council of the Knights of Columbus and furnished a room for its meetings in the Columbus Institute building. His death oc-

curred July 5, 1907, in his fifty-eighth year, and the esteem in which he was held was expressed in countless letters and telegrams of sympathy received by the members of his family. On the date of his funeral all business in Poughkeepsie was suspended from 2:00 to 5:00 P. M. The following obituary is copied from the Daily Eagle of Poughkeepsie, July 8, 1907.

"The death of J. Frank Hull adds another link to the chain of losses of prominent citizens this city has sustained during the past few months. Mr. Hull was a citizen and manufacturer of the best type. The growth of his business was an increasing benefit to the city and certainly no one could say of him that as he grew richer anyone was made poorer. The principle of friendly cooperation with his employes for which he stood is a principle that has not been much favored by labor unions, but it is the right principle and is sure to increase in favor when fairly tried. Fortunately Mr. Hull had so arranged his business that it can probably continue without serious interruption, though sadly missing the inspiration of his presence and counsel. The sympathy of the whole city is with his family so suddenly bereaved just as they were planning a happy summer together."

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## GERALD WILLIAM O'CONNOR

As a trial lawyer Gerald William O'Connor is well known and bears a name that has long been an honored one in legal circles of Waterford, his native town. Born December 8, 1896, he is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Fitzsimmons) O'Connor, the latter a native of Warrensburg, Warren county, New York. The father has always resided in Waterford and is regarded as one of its foremost lawyers.

After attending the local grammar and high schools Gerald W. O'Connor entered Phillips Academy at Exeter, New Hampshire, as a junior and was graduated in 1914. His classical education was acquired in Yale University, which awarded him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1919. During his student days he was

active in athletic sports, playing on the baseball and hockey teams at Exeter, and was a member of the Yale football and baseball teams. His studies were interrupted in 1917, when he enlisted as a private in the regular army, and was assigned to the Sixty-seventh Regiment of Coast Artillery. While on active duty in France he earned his promotion to the rank of second lieutenant. In March, 1919, he returned to the United States and was mustered out of the service at Camp Upton, New York. Afterward he resumed his education, which was completed in 1922, when he received the degree of LL. B. from the Albany Law School of Union University. In 1921, while attending that institution of learning, he was elected justice of the peace, in which office he served acceptably for eight years. In September, 1922, he was admitted to the bar and has since been associated with his father and brother in practice. He is counsel for the Indemnity Insurance Company and the Alliance Casualty Company of Philadelphia. Felicitous and clear in argument, he has been particularly successful as a trial lawyer, winning many verdicts favorable to the interests of his clients.

Mr. O'Connor was married in Brooklyn, New York, February 12, 1923, to Miss Mary Theresa Bushong, who was graduated from Trinity College in Washington, D. C., in 1918. Her father, Dr. Albert J. Bushong, was born in Brooklyn and engaged in the practice of dentistry in that city for many years. He passed away in 1908 and is survived by the mother, Mrs. Mary Theresa Bushong, who was born in Utica, Oneida county, New York. Mrs. O'Connor belongs to the Rensselaer County Chapter of the American Red Cross and was a delegate to one of the national conventions of the organization. She is a member of the Troy Hospital Association and both she and her husband are connected with the Troy Country Club. Mr. O'Connor greatly enjoys a game on the links and is an expert player. He was golf champion of the Van Schaick Island Country Club in 1926 and also of the Troy Country Club in 1929. His name likewise appears on the membership rolls of the Waterford Club, the Yale Club of New York city, the American Legion, the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the

Knights of Columbus. Like the other members of the family, he adheres to the Roman Catholic faith, and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. He resides at 101 Third street and his law office is at 50 Broad street. His attention is chiefly given to his practice and in a profession demanding mental alertness, keen powers of discernment and close application he is making continuous progress.

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## ARTHUR SIDNEY TOMPKINS

Among the distinguished jurists of the Hudson River Valley stands Arthur S. Tompkins, justice of the supreme court for the ninth judicial district, in which capacity he has served continuously for twenty-five years. He was born at Middleburg, Schoharie county, New York, on the 26th of August, 1865, and when about one year old was taken by his parents to Clarkstown, Rockland county. He attended the public schools at that place and Nyack, leaving grammar school at the age of thirteen years to go to work in stores in Nyack. He continued in that line of employment until 1881, when he took up the study of law in the office of Seth B. Cole, of Nyack, later studying also in the offices of Abram A. Demarest, of Nyack, and Henry C. Griffin, of Tarrytown. In 1886 he was admitted to practice and at once opened an office in Nyack. He practiced law in Rockland and surrounding counties, with marked success, until his election to the bench of the supreme court in 1906. He was reelected in 1920.

For over forty years Judge Tompkins has been active in public affairs and he has ever measured up fully to the demands of the positions held by him. In the spring of 1887, when twenty-one years of age, he was elected the first police justice of the village of Nyack, and served as such until 1889, when he was elected to the state legislature as a member of the lower house from Rockland county. In 1893 he was elected county judge and surrogate of Rockland county, in which capacity he served until 1898, when he was elected a member of the United States house of rep-

resentatives from the congressional district comprising the counties of Orange, Sullivan and Rockland, as the successor of the Hon. Benjamin B. Odell. He served two terms in congress and until his election to the bench of the supreme court he was very active in republican politics in the county of Rockland and in his senatorial and congressional districts. As a delegate, he attended every state convention of his party from 1888 until 1906, and was a delegate or alternate to the national conventions of 1888, 1892, 1896 and 1900.

In 1889, Judge Tompkins was united in marriage to Miss Jeanie C. Logan, of Tarrytown, Westchester county, and they are the parents of two children, Marjorie J. and Arthur S., Jr. The family home is in the village of Upper Nyack, Rockland county.

Fraternally, Judge Tompkins is a member of the Free and Accepted Masons, in which he has received the thirty-third and last degree of the Scottish Rite. He has been a member of Rockland Lodge, No. 723, since 1895 and served for two years as district deputy grand master of the Orange-Rockland Masonic district. During the two years 1922-23 and 1923-24 he served as grand master of Masons of the state of New York. He is a member of Oneko Lodge, No. 122, I. O. O. F., and in 1904-5 served as grand master of Odd Fellows for the state of New York. He belongs to Haverstraw Lodge, B. P. O. E., of which he is a past exalted ruler, and was chief justice of the grand forum of the grand lodge of Elks of the United States. He is a member of the following fraternal organizations in Nyack: Grant Lodge, No. 385, Knights of Pythias; Nyack Tribe, No. 209, Improved Order of Red Men, of which he was the first sachem; Court Tappen Zee, No. 222, Foresters of America, and the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. For more than thirty years he has been a director of the Nyack Young Men's Christian Association and is now its vice president. For about ten years he has served as a member of the board of trustees of the State Firemen's Home at Hudson, New York, and for several years has been and is now president of the board. For forty-six consecutive years he has been president of Mazeppa Fire Engine Company of the village

of Nyack, and is now a member of the board of trustees of Potts Memorial Hospital, Inc., of Livingston, New York. He is president of America's Good Will Union, an organization for the promotion of the spirit of good-will and tolerance. He has been for fifty years a member of the First Baptist Church of Nyack and for about twenty-five years president of the board of trustees of that church.

Judge Tompkins holds an exalted place in the legal history of the old Empire state. In the private practice of law he gained a wide reputation for his learning, sagacity and integrity; as a jurist his opinions have been noted for their logic and soundness and have been widely quoted in other courts, while in the sphere of private citizenship he has been a stalwart supporter of those things which contribute to the general welfare.

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## WALTER REED JOHNSON

Entering commercial life at an early age, Walter Reed Johnson has made the most of his opportunities and is now numbered among the substantial business men of Suffern. He was born October 6, 1885, and comes of a long line of worthy ancestors who have made history in the Ramapo valley. His grandfather, Peter Demarest Johnson, who was one of the pioneers of Suffern, served for many years as postmaster of the town and as justice of the peace. His son, Cornelius D. Johnson, the father of W. R. Johnson, was also a capable business man, well known as secretary-treasurer of the Bronze Metal Company. Loyal and public-spirited, he served for three terms as president of the village of Suffern and will also be remembered for his activities as a uniformed drum major and as a member of the Glee Club. His wife was Camilla (Straut) Johnson and they became the parents of two children, of whom Edward Suffern Johnson was a gifted musician and a music writer of note. He died in Boston in 1922. The Reeds, who likewise cast their lot with the early settlers of the Ramapo valley, are closely related to the Johnson family.

The educational advantages accorded to W. R. Johnson were limited, for when a lad of thirteen he became a wage-earner, securing work with the New York Telephone Company. Later he was employed as office boy in the Ramapo Foundry, which soon afterward became the American Brake Shoe Company, founded by Otis H. Cutler, and he remained with the company for twenty-two years, advancing to the responsible position of superintendent. He was similarly employed in other parts of the country, having supervision of factories in Chicago, Boston and in Lancaster, New York, and thus contributed toward the development of various industries. Of late years he has devoted his attention to mercantile pursuits, conducting business in Suffern as a confectioner. On November 22, 1913, Mr. Johnson was married to Miss Mayme Heigl, member of an old family of Buffalo, New York. While he cooperates in all well defined movements for the betterment of his community, Mr. Johnson has never sought public office but concentrates his attention upon his business, which is wisely and carefully conducted and brings to him substantial returns. He has made his own way in the world and the measure of prosperity which he now enjoys is the direct outcome of an industrious, well spent life.

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## HENRY ARTHUR STEVENS

Many commercial enterprises profited by the well directed efforts of Henry Arthur Stevens, who became particularly well known through his achievements in the storage business, and is now living retired in Glens Falls. He was born in Jackson, Washington county, New York, March 11, 1850, a son of Matthew H. Stevens, who was born October 25, 1812, in the same county. The father was a prosperous business man who owned and operated grist mills and sawmills. He was appointed postmaster of the town of Jackson, occupying the office for several years.

On the 6th of March, 1837, Matthew H. Stevens married Caroline M. Church, a member of one of the oldest families in this



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country. She was a great-granddaughter of Jonathan Church, who was born July 7, 1713, and died April 13, 1809. In 1741 he had married Abigail White, who was born in 1718 and died October 18, 1794. She was a descendant in the fourth generation from Perigrene White, who came to America as a passenger on the historic Mayflower. There were five children in the family of Jonathan and Abigail (White) Church, namely: Josiah, who was born March 10, 1742, and died in 1819; Abigail, born July 15, 1745; Hannah, October 22, 1749; Bethuel; and Jonathan, Jr., born August 17, 1755.

Bethuel Church, the second son, was born September 20, 1752, and removed to Salem, New York, before the outbreak of the Revolutionary war, settling in the southern part of the town, which is now called Shushan. After clearing away the forest he built a sawmill and a grist mill there and in addition to operating these he conducted a tavern, which he erected. He was also a magistrate and became the founder of a settlement which was developed there, the village being named Church's Mills in honor of the family. He died April 12, 1805. In 1775 he married Diademe Church, who was born in 1755 and died August 15, 1844. She had long survived her husband, who passed away April 12, 1805. They had nine children: Rufus, Diademe, Lydia, Cynthia, Bethuel, Savina, Adah, Harvey and Leonard.

Leonard Church, born October 13, 1795, married Clarissa Eaton, who was born in 1796, and his demise occurred in 1845. They were the parents of eight children: Caroline, Cornelia, Mary, Simeon, Bethuel, Cynthia, Andrew and Emery. By his second wife Leonard Church had a son, William Russell. The daughter, Caroline Church, became the wife of Matthew H. Stevens and both passed away at Shushan, the former on the 15th of February, 1852, and the latter in 1854. Their family numbered four daughters, two of whom died in infancy; and two sons, Henry Arthur, and William, who died at the age of two years.

Henry A. Stevens enrolled as a pupil in Salem Academy, which he attended until he reached the age of fifteen, and then became a wage-earner, working for two years in stores at Salem and West

Troy, New York. When a youth of eighteen he entered the employ of his brother-in-law, Cornelius Russell, a carriage builder, who also conducted a repair shop at Salem, and continued with him for two years, becoming the owner of the business at the end of that time. A year later Mr. Stevens discontinued the enterprise and removed to North Granville, in Washington county, New York, where he joined an uncle in the establishment of a hub and spoke factory, but soon afterward sold his half interest in the business to his partner. In 1872 he leased a farm at North Granville, devoting a year to the cultivation of the place, and in 1873 became foreman at Hudson Falls for the Wing & Knapp Lumber Company but after two years resigned the position owing to impaired health. In 1875 he returned to Granville and purchased a farm, which he operated for three years. On selling that property he acquired a grocery store at Granville and was its proprietor until the building was destroyed by fire a few months later. Resuming agricultural pursuits in 1879, he leased from Dr. Clark, of Hudson Falls, a tract of land in that vicinity and was there engaged in tilling the soil for three years. Owing to the condition of his health Mr. Stevens turned to less strenuous work and in 1884 opened a feed and grain store at Hudson Falls, where he was thus engaged for about three years. In 1887 he aided in forming a paint manufacturing company, which began operations in Glens Falls and here engaged in business until the enterprise was discontinued because of lack of raw material. In 1889 he entered the employ of Dan Monte & Company, proprietors of a stone quarry, and was a stationary engineer in their service until the business passed out of existence at the time of the death of its principal owner. Mr. Stevens next became superintendent for the Haynes Brothers Company, engaged in light railroad construction work, entering upon his new duties in 1891, and in this connection he had charge of the building of several short line railroads within the state. His service with the company covered about three years, terminating with the death of Mr. Haynes, its executive head in 1895, when the business was sold. He then became connected with the Standard Wall Paper

Manufacturing Company of Hudson Falls, doing ordinary work at first, but his ability soon won recognition and he was made assistant superintendent of the upper mill. For twelve years he remained with the company, resigning the position in 1905, when he bought land on Ridge street, adjoining Glens Falls, and there followed the occupation of farming for about three years. In 1908 he acquired a large warehouse on Sanford street and in addition to building up a storage business of extensive proportions he established a profitable trade as a dealer in stoves and furniture. He continued at that location until a fire started in the warehouse and destroyed the greater portion of the property. In partnership with his son, C. Frank, Mr. Stevens then bought a large lot on Warren street, erecting thereon a large warehouse and store, and since then the firm has continually added to the building in order to provide adequate accommodations for their rapidly expanding business. The father retired in 1925 and the son, C. Frank, has since had entire charge of the business, which is conducted under the style of H. A. Stevens & Son—a name which is synonymous with enterprise, reliability and fair dealing throughout the Hudson River Valley. The father is connected with financial affairs through his holdings in the Hudson Falls National Bank and the Cambridge National Bank but is not active in the management of these institutions. In the development of his interests he manifested keen discernment as well as the wisdom, initiative and resourcefulness so essential to achievement in the business world, and after many years of earnest striving and intense activity he is enjoying a well earned period of leisure.

On the 13th of March, 1872, Mr. Stevens was married to Miss Ruth A. Swift, who was a daughter of Hiram and Mariette (Richardson) Swift and passed away at Glens Falls, September 7, 1924. She had become the mother of two sons, Charles Frank and Clark Arnold. The latter died at the age of five years. On the 17th of September, 1925, Mr. Stevens was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Belle C. Stevens, whose death occurred in Glens Falls on the 9th of April, 1928.

Fraternally Mr. Stevens is a Mason, belonging to Sandy Hill Lodge, No. 372, F. & A. M., and is a charter member of the Masonic Club of Glens Falls. He is also identified with the American Automobile Association and has taken many enjoyable motor trips. Keenly interested in educational matters, he became one of the trustees of the North Granville schools in 1875 and later was a trustee of the Hudson Falls schools. Conscientious and high-minded, Mr. Stevens has fulfilled every duty and obligation in life to the best of his ability and while he has won individual prosperity, he has gained a possession of far greater value—the respect, confidence and good-will of his fellowmen.

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## FRANK F. PALMISON

Frank F. Palmison, a member of the Latin-American colony of Mount Vernon and well known as a patent attorney, was born at Aberobello, in the province of Bari, Italy, October 20, 1897. His parents, Constantine and Theresa (Panaro) Palmison, came to the United States in 1907, settling in Passaic, New Jersey, where they spent several years. Subsequently the father returned to Italy and is now living in that country.

Frank F. Palmison acquired his early education in his native land and when a lad of thirteen came with the family to America. In 1913 he was graduated from the Drake Business College at Passaic, New Jersey, and four years later completed an engineering course in the Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, New York. Enlisting in 1917, he qualified as an army aviator. In June, 1918, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army and now holds the rank of captain in the Reserve Officers Corps in the aviation branch of the army. After the war Mr. Palmison entered upon an apprenticeship as a patent attorney in the office of Munn & Company in May, 1920, and in August, 1922, was admitted to practice in the United States patent office. Meanwhile he had studied law at Fordham University, from which he was graduated in 1923, and in May of that year opened a patent office

at 149 Broadway, New York city. In January, 1924, he was admitted to the bar of New York state and in January, 1925, became senior member of the firm of Palmison & Spears, with offices at 220 Broadway, New York city, and in the Eastchester Savings Bank building at Mount Vernon. Later the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Palmison has since practiced alone. He is located at 7 South Third avenue, Mount Vernon, and is accorded a liberal clientele. Concentrating his attention upon patent law, he has acquired a highly specialized knowledge of that branch of jurisprudence and occupies a position of prominence in his profession. In addition to his legal work he is serving on the directorate of the Fidelity Title & Guaranty Company of Mount Vernon. Fraternally he has connection with the Elks and the Foresters, and his public spirit is expressed through his membership in the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Palmison has closely allied his interests with those of the city and his steadily expanding powers, coupled with his industry and laudable ambition, will undoubtedly carry him far in his particular field.

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## EDGAR F. HEWITT

Edgar F. Hewitt, head of F. V. Hewitt & Son and a member of a family long identified with the grocery trade in Saratoga Springs, was born in this city on the 4th of May, 1880, a son of Edgar Hewitt, who was a native of Porter Corners, New York. In 1871 the grandfather, Franklin V. Hewitt, founded the present business and to its development Edgar Hewitt devoted the best efforts of his life. His wife, Jennie (Granger) Hewitt, was also born in Porter Corners and both are now deceased.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the grammar and high schools of his native city, Edgar F. Hewitt became an insurance agent but soon sought a more congenial line of work. Entering the office of Swift & Company, he spent five years with that firm and later was identified with a brokerage business in New York city. In 1913 he returned to Saratoga Springs to as-

sist his grandfather in managing the affairs of F. V. Hewitt & Son and succeeded him in the office of president. He is capably carrying forward the business, which has been conducted by three generations of the Hewitt family. Specializing in high-class groceries, the company has a record of sixty years of service and usefulness and is one of the oldest, largest and most reliable organizations of the kind in this part of the state. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Hewitt is identified with financial affairs as a director of the Saratoga National Bank.

On the 18th of October, 1902, Mr. Hewitt was married in Saratoga Springs to Miss Grace Hall, a native of this city and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Hall. Mr. Hewitt has membership in the First Baptist Church and votes with the republican party. Keenly interested in all civic projects of worth, he is serving as treasurer of Saratoga Hospital, and during the World war was active in the various Liberty Loan campaigns. He belongs to Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, F. & A. M., and has taken the Knight Templar degree in the commandery. He is also an Elk and a director of the Saratoga Club and of the McGregor Golf Club. His residence is at 37 Fifth avenue and his store is located at 420 Broadway. Throughout his career he has been governed by those principles which constitute the basis of all honorable and desirable prosperity and his record sustains the high reputation that has ever been borne by the family.

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## BENJAMIN C. HARVEY

Benjamin C. Harvey, successfully engaged in the practice of law at Mount Vernon, was born in Livingston, Columbia county, New York, July 25, 1874, a son of Henry C. and Susan Amelia (Morrison) Harvey, the latter a native of Schoharie county, this state. The father was born in Columbia county and followed the occupation of farming. He was a Mason and lived up to the teachings of the order. Active in democratic politics, he was elected justice of the peace, assuming the duties of the office at the age of

twenty-one and continuing in that capacity until late in life. For a number of years he was a supervisor for his district, serving as chairman of the board for two terms. Death summoned him in 1918, when he was seventy-six years of age, and his widow has reached the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey.

Reared in his native town, Benjamin C. Harvey there acquired his early instruction, which was supplemented by attendance at the New Paltz Normal School, Colgate Academy, Colgate University, and a course in Harvard University, from which he received the B. S. degree in 1903. For eight years thereafter he was identified with the mortgage brokerage business in New York city and then took up the study of law under Richard L. Sweezy of that city. Removing to Mount Vernon in 1911, Mr. Harvey here continued his reading under Stephen Holden and in 1923 was admitted to the bar, at which time he commenced practice here in association with Harry H. Bender, who died October 27, 1927. He has since practiced alone, occupying a suite of offices at 22 West First street. Well versed in the principles of jurisprudence, he accurately applies his knowledge to the points in litigation and is accorded a liberal clientele.

Mr. Harvey was married June 18, 1908, to Miss Clotilde Sousville, a native of New York city and a daughter of Ephraim and Hortense (Buison) Sousville. A son, Irving B. Harvey, was the only child of this union. Mr. Harvey remarried in 1911, choosing for his second wife Anna Florence Hoyt McCraney, also a native of the Empire state.

In politics Mr. Harvey is a strong republican. In 1917 he was appointed a member of the local board of education, to which he was elected later in the same year, serving thereon until May, 1920. He belongs to the Mount Vernon Republican Club, to the Briarcliff Lodge Tennis and Sports Club, composed of sportsmen, to Phi Kappa Psi, a scholastic fraternity, is a Royal Arch Mason and one of the Volunteer Firemen of Mount Vernon. In 1915 he established Mount Vernon's Bureau of Municipal Research and is now actively advocating the organization of a state bar association for the enforcement of the canons of ethics adopted by the

American Bar Association. He is a member of the Westchester County Bar Association, the Bar Association of the City of New York, the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Ever mindful of the dignity and responsibility of his profession, Mr. Harvey upholds its high standards and enjoys an enviable reputation as a lawyer, while his worth as a citizen is also widely recognized.

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## EUGENE S. FISKE

Eugene S. Fiske, who is engaged in the sale of real estate and insurance in Mount Vernon, successfully following in the business footsteps of his father, was here born September 18, 1897, a son of Edwin W. and Annie E. (Smith) Fiske, the former a native of Shamokin, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Jersey City, New Jersey. While residing in the Keystone state the father worked in steel mills and was connected with that industry until his removal to Yonkers, New York, where he was identified with steam-heating and plumbing activities for a number of years. Locating in Mount Vernon, he continued in the same line of business until 1901, when he formed the Edwin W. Fiske Realty Company, and successfully controlled its affairs until his death on the 30th of May, 1928. In the early days he was chief of the fire department and ever manifested a keen interest in community affairs. He was elected mayor of Mount Vernon on the democratic ticket and for a period of eighteen years was retained in that office—an eloquent testimonial to the quality of his public service and his worth as a citizen. In childhood his wife removed with her parents to New York city, where her father became well known as a commission broker. Subsequently he established his home in Mount Vernon, becoming one of the organizers of what is now known as the First National Bank, but continued his business interests in New York city.

Eugene S. Fiske mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools of Mount Vernon and obtained his higher edu-

cation in Dartmouth College. Enlisting April 16, 1917, he became a member of the United States Naval Reserve Force and was in training at Pelham, New York, where he was commissioned an ensign. After the war he spent a year on Long Island, devoting his attention to the manufacture of candy, and then returned home to enter his father's office. After the father's death the business was incorporated under the name of Edwin W. Fiske, Inc., located at 14 Fiske place, and of this concern Eugene S. Fiske has since been the president. He has the requisite initiative, foresight and executive capacity and the business has continued to grow and prosper under his wise guidance.

Fraternally Mr. Fiske is identified with the Royal Arcanum and the John Stewart Lodge of Masons. He is commander of Mount Vernon Post, No. 3, of the American Legion and secretary of Charles J. Nordquist Camp, No. 64, Sons of Union War Veterans. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and secretary of the Joint Veterans Relief Committee of the city of Mount Vernon. His name also appears on the membership rolls of the Shelter Harbor Country Club and the Dartmouth College Alumni Association of New York city. He votes with the democratic party and cooperates in every movement for the development and betterment of his city. He is a young man of earnest purpose, forceful personality and strong character and maintains unsullied the splendid reputation for business integrity and enterprise which has ever been associated with the family name.

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## HARRY B. VINCENT

Harry B. Vincent for the past fourteen years has been a factor in the life of White Plains. As the senior vice president of The County Trust Company he has been instrumental in the development of that financial institution from resources of two to over twelve million dollars today. Through confidence and personality he has built for his company one of the largest and best managed trust departments in Westchester county.

Mr. Vincent stated in a recent interview that he feels it his duty to take an interest in such civic matters that tend to the betterment of the community. Consequently he is the vice president of the Chamber of Commerce, a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association, treasurer of the Westchester County Chapter of the American Red Cross, as well as treasurer of the White Plains Community Chest, which organization recently succeeded in raising one hundred and eighteen thousand dollars for the maintenance of its charitable institutions during 1931.

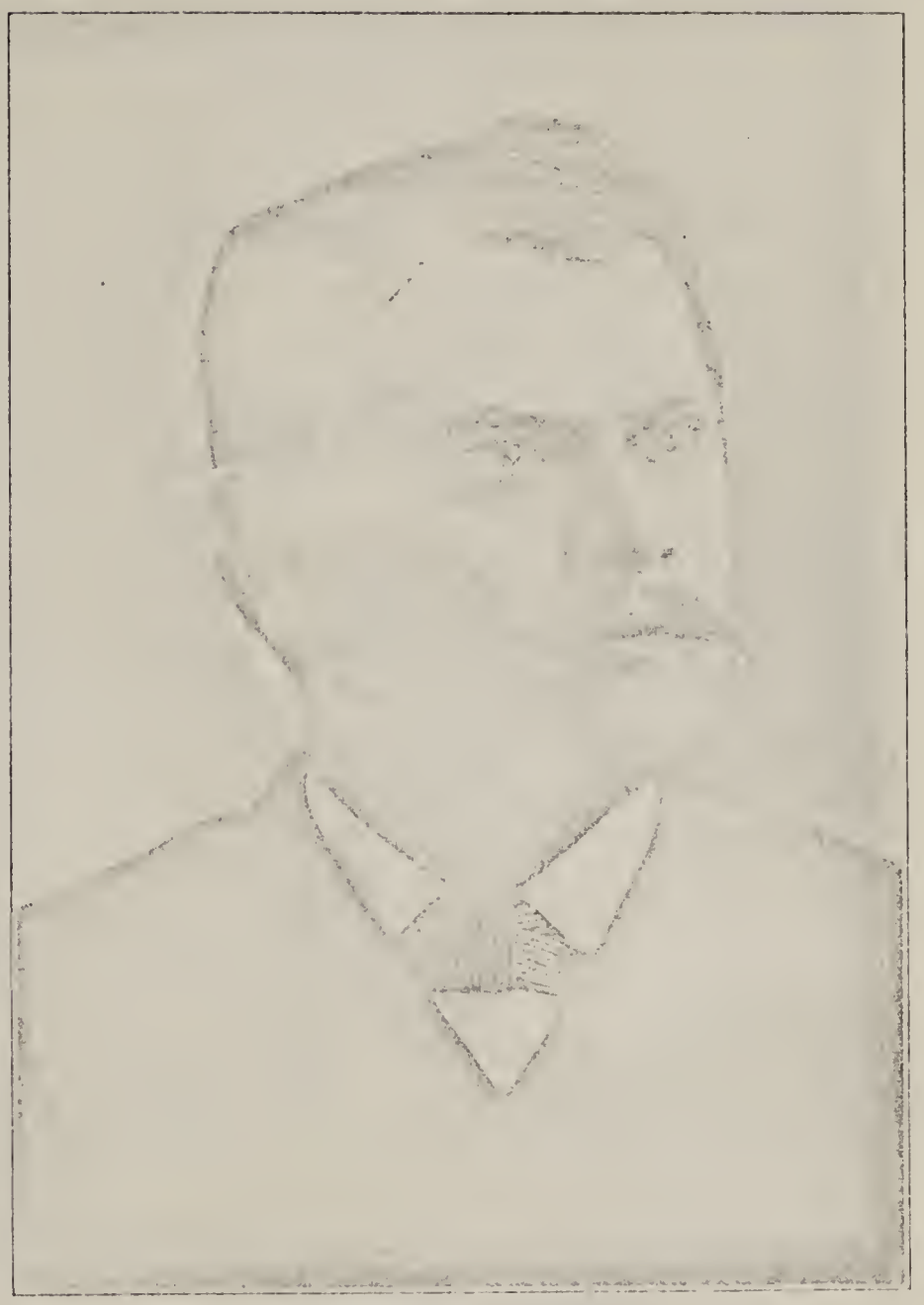
His old colonial home on Barker avenue is one of the landmarks of the city. He can usually be found every week-end during the summer season at his country place in Chatham, where, with his son and daughter, he enjoys the benefits of horseback riding. This home came into his possession about thirty years ago and, nestled in the center of a thousand apple trees, it is a sight in blossom time ever to be remembered by those who have enjoyed his hospitality.

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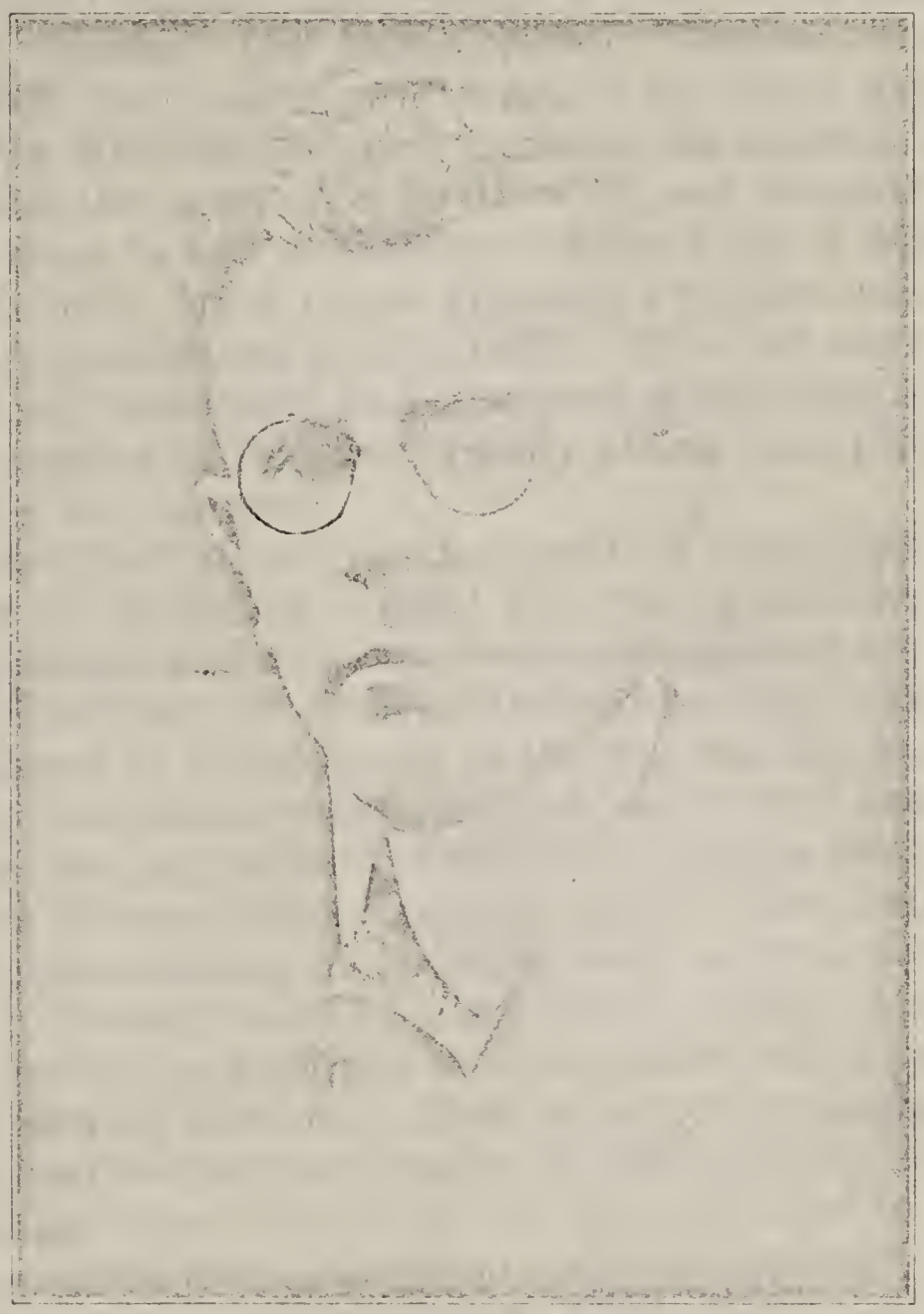
## JOHN L. LUCIER

Depending upon his own exertions for a livelihood from an early age, John L. Lucier steadily progressed by reason of his industry and ability and for many years was an outstanding figure in business circles of Waterford. Of French Canadian stock, he was born in St. Johns, Quebec, August 18, 1855, and was a son of Joseph Lucier, a native of the same city.

John L. Lucier was reared on his father's farm and obtained a public school education. At the age of fifteen he started to work for a shoemaker, and having completed his apprenticeship, established a business of his own in Cohoes, New York. Soon afterward he removed to Waterford and here spent the remainder of his life, passing away December 1, 1919. An enterprising and reliable merchant, he was accorded a liberal patronage and for thirty-two years conducted the leading shoe store in the town. Concentrating his attention upon the one line of business, he mas-



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tered it in principle and detail and was ever alert to the latest developments in the shoe trade.

On the 10th of October, 1883, Mr. Lucier was married to Miss Mary Louise Cherland, born October 7, 1852, at St. George, near Montreal, Canada. Her father, Nelson Cherland, a native of France, left that country at the age of six years, going to St. Johns, near Montreal, Canada. Choosing the trade of a carpenter, he made that occupation his life work, and his death occurred in 1913, when he had reached the advanced age of ninety-seven years. His wife, Mary Louise (Cmono) Cherland, was a native of Quebec, Canada, and died in 1872. Before her marriage Mrs. Lucier was a dressmaker and afterward assisted her husband in the management of the store, greatly aiding him in the task of upbuilding the business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucier were the parents of a son, Henry L., who was born in Waterford, August 22, 1887, graduated from the local high school and Troy Academy and completed his education at a business college in Albany. At the time of the World war he was employed as a bookkeeper in the National Bank of Cohoes. He was an exceptional young man and had a bright future before him in the banking business. Enlisting in 1917, he became a member of the Seventy-eighth Regiment of New York Infantry and after intensive training in a military camp in South Carolina was ordered to France, where he spent fifteen months. About fifteen minutes before the armistice was declared he was gassed and as a result suffered blindness. While in action he received injuries which caused his death on October 24, 1925, and his untimely demise brought deep sorrow to all who were privileged to know him, for he possessed many admirable traits of character. Henry L. Lucier was twice married, first to Edith Rogers, of Troy, and second to Ruth De Foe of Hartford, Connecticut. Like his parents, he was an active and devout member of the Roman Catholic Church.

While never an office seeker, John L. Lucier manifested a deep and helpful interest in movements for the general good and was highly respected in his community. A man of sympathetic nature

and generous impulses, he was always ready to assist those in need and his widow is also noted for her acts of charity and kindness. Mrs. Lucier resides at 62 North Second Street and has a wide circle of warm friends in Waterford, where she has resided for many years, witnessing notable changes as the work of development and progress has been carried forward in this locality.

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## PHILIP A. MURPHY

For several years Philip A. Murphy has figured conspicuously in municipal affairs of Troy and is serving for the second term as city clerk, adhering to the high standards which won for him prestige as a councilman. Born in this city on Christmas day of 1890, he is a son of Thomas Murphy, who was one of a family of six children and when very young came with his parents to this country from Ireland. In early life Thomas Murphy became a steel worker in Troy, following that occupation for a considerable period, and then joined the Troy police force, of which he was a member for ten years. Afterward he lived retired until his demise, which occurred on the 15th of November, 1923. He had a brother, Daniel J. Murphy, who was an alderman for a time, after which he was ordained a priest, and for some years had charge of a parish in Macon, Georgia, where he passed away. Philip J. Murphy, another brother, also entered the priesthood and was pastor of a church in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the time of his death.

Reared in his native city, Philip A. Murphy acquired his elementary education in a parochial school and was next a pupil in La Salle Institute of Troy. In 1909 he was graduated from one of the high schools of New York city, where he matriculated in Manhattan College, which awarded him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1913. His law studies were pursued in Fordham University, from which he won the degree of LL. B. in 1916, and in September of the same year he was admitted to the bar at Saratoga, New York. Locating in Troy, he practiced there until 1918,

when he joined the United States Navy for service in the World war, and was mustered out in December of that year. Mr. Murphy then returned to Troy and resumed the general practice of law, becoming recognized as an able attorney and a safe counselor. Meanwhile he had entered the political field and in the fall of 1919 was elected president of the common council, taking office January 1, 1920. His well directed efforts were beneficially resultant and through reelection he continued to serve until 1924. Four years later he was elected city clerk without opposition and in 1930 was again the unanimous choice of the members of the common council of Troy for this office, which combines the duties of city clerk with those of clerk of the common council. Experienced and efficient, he has made an enviable record and the worth of his work is uniformly conceded.

On the 15th of June, 1921, Mr. Murphy was married in Glens Falls, New York, to Miss Marguerite Kelleher, a daughter of Michael and Julia Keleher, natives of Ireland. For many years her father was connected with the paper mills at Glens Falls, where he still resides, and the mother is also living. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy now have two sons: Thomas John, who was born November 15, 1923; and Philip A., Jr., born July 22, 1925. The parents are communicants of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and Mr. Murphy is one of the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to Noble Callahan Post of the American Legion and to the Rensselaer County and New York State Bar Associations. His ability, honesty and fidelity to trust are well known, and a wide circle of steadfast friends is indicative of his personal popularity.

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## ST. FAITH'S SCHOOL

Among the older institutions of learning at Saratoga Springs is numbered St. Faith's School, which has been aptly termed "The School that's Full of Sunshine." It was founded in 1890 by Miss Eleanor Shackelford to meet the needs of girls of moderate means who look forward to being self-supporting women. In 1909 Miss

Sands, who had been associated with Miss Shackelford, retired, and in 1912 the latter became principal emerita. Miss Shackelford continued a member of the board of trustees and was actively interested in the welfare of the school until her death in 1925. The Rev. H. C. Plum became rector and principal in 1912, continuing as such until his death in 1922. In 1923 the Rev. Charles H. L. Ford assumed his duties as rector and principal by election of the board of trustees.

While the courses of study and methods of instruction have been modified to meet the changing demands, the purpose and ideals of St. Faith's have remained the same since the founding of the school—namely, to provide training for a high type of womanhood at the lowest possible cost.

The school motto—"Ecce Ancilla Domini"—strikes the keynote of the spirit of St. Faith's: To so combine faith and works that life unfolds in its true proportions; the good, the beautiful and the true are made a workable part of each girl's thoughts and deeds. Each girl's problems are studied and met individually at St. Faith's. She learns how to think, to speak and to act in accordance with Christian principles. Her training is thorough and broad. In an atmosphere of cheerful helpfulness she learns the meaning and significance of true service.

Situated in the foothills of the Adirondacks, Saratoga Springs has a world-wide reputation for its pure, health-giving air, its mineral waters and its many homes of refinement. St. Faith's School stands in a grove of old forest oaks on one of the highest points of the city. Though surrounded by woodland and meadow, it is only fifteen minutes' walk from the railway station and the business section. It thus enjoys both the quiet of the country and the advantages of a town which has all the municipal improvements of the larger city. Nearby scenes of historic and literary interest invite one to interesting trips by trolley or afoot; and the ample grounds of the school afford facilities for tennis, basketball, field hockey, tobogganing and other outdoor sports.

All the buildings are provided with preventive and fire-extinguishing devices. They are steam-heated, lighted by electricity

and equipped with modern plumbing. The rooms are cheerful and well ventilated throughout. The main building, St. Faith's Hall, is a fine old colonial house which has been adapted to the needs of a modern school. Shackelford Hall, situated just north of the main building, was named for the founder of the school and is the social center. It contains a large recreation hall and the pupils' rooms. Newman Cottage, the Ellen Stewart Newman Memorial, contains the music rooms and science laboratory. Putnam Cottage has class rooms for commercial subjects on the first floor and pupils' rooms on the second. The schoolhouse contains a study hall and class rooms. The principal's house, completed in 1929, provides a commodious residence for the principal and his family, as well as a social center for the school.

The school possesses a well selected library of over twenty-five hundred volumes and receives regularly about twenty of the leading periodicals. Pupils are taught the use of books, and those who show an aptitude for such work may arrange for practical training in their selection, care and cataloging. Lectures and entertainments are provided at frequent intervals. The school has a fine electric projection apparatus and lectures on history and travel are given with its aid.

Annual prizes are given for scholarship in the several branches to those who have the highest percentage in work and conduct. "The Faithful Cross" is given yearly by vote of her fellow pupils to the girl who has been most faithful in her school duties and relationships, and is provided by the income from a permanent endowment given by the Alumnae in memory of the founder, Miss Shackelford. The Order of St. Faith was instituted in 1924. The gold, silver and bronze medals of the order are given by the principal to those girls who deserve recognition because of some special act of good sportsmanship, high academic standing, or for any cause which may distinguish them in their school life. The order is given by the principal personally or upon special recommendation of the faculty.

Though St. Faith's is an Episcopal school, difference of religion is no obstacle to the admission of students. The life of the

whole school centers around the chapel, where each day's work is begun and ended. Here some of the "old girls" have been baptized and confirmed and here the Eucharist is celebrated early each Sunday morning. The whole school is required to attend the later service on Sunday morning in the parish church. Simple and definite instruction in the fundamentals of the Christian faith is given under the personal supervision of the principal to all pupils. Opportunity is provided for the systematic study of the Bible, prayer book and church history. All pupils and teachers attend the Episcopal Church exclusively and observe the festivals and fasts of the Christian year.

The officers of the corporation controlling the school are: G. R. P. Shackelford, president; Benjamin P. Wheat, secretary; and William D. Eddy, treasurer. The board of trustees is composed of Professor Henry N. Ogden, C. E., Cornell University; the Rev. J. W. Denness Cooper, L. Th., Geneseo, New York; the Rev. Roelif H. Brooks, D. D., New York city; G. R. P. Shackelford, Saratoga Springs; William D. Eddy, Saratoga Springs; Walter A. Fullerton, A. B., LL. B., Saratoga Springs; Benjamin P. Wheat, Ph. B., LL. B., Albany; Miss Allena Pardee, Saratoga Springs; and Miss Genevieve Putnam, Saratoga Springs. The Rev. Charles H. L. Ford, B. A., is rector and principal and Frances A. Ford, B. S., is associate principal and housemother, while G. Scott Towne, M. D., is school physician.

The faculty is a carefully selected group who are in thorough sympathy with the ideals and life of the school and each member is chosen with a view to her actively participating in the life and welfare of the students, as well as having the proper training for the teaching of her subjects. St. Faith's takes into consideration the individual needs of the girl in arranging courses of study. Each girl's studies are arranged after consultation with parents or guardian when this is possible. Individual talents and desires are considered in the light of the all-round development of the girl.

There are three separate departments of work—namely, primary, junior high and academic. Each subject follows closely the

New York state board of regents' syllabus in every particular. Special attention is also paid to preparation for the college entrance board examination, so each student is prepared to enter college either by school diploma, by regents' diploma or by college entrance board examinations.

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## NEAL M. ANDERSON

Neal M. Anderson, who is engaged in the undertaking business in Hudson, his native town, has depended upon his own exertions for a livelihood from an early age and is a self-made man in the fullest and best sense of the term. He was born January 18, 1888, a son of William H. Anderson, who was also a native of Hudson. The father was a produce farmer and departed this life August 22, 1892. The mother, who bore the maiden name of Jane Seymour, was likewise born in Hudson and passed away August 27, 1892. She was a daughter of John Seymour, who came to this country from Ireland and established his home in Hudson, where he lived for many years. To Mr. and Mrs. William H. Anderson were born nine children, two of whom died in infancy, while William and Joseph passed away after attaining mature years. The surviving children are: Neal M.; Jennie, the wife of Garry Wallace, of Hudson; Henry, who lives in Greenport, Columbia county, New York; James, a resident of Hudson; and Elizabeth, now Mrs. Edward Hoffem of Hudson.

In the acquirement of an education Neal M. Anderson attended the Greenport schools and when a lad of thirteen started to deliver milk, thus continuing for three years. He next worked in the lower Union Woolen Mill and later was transferred to the upper mill. He acquired skill as a knitter, following that occupation for two years, and afterward delivered bakery goods for a firm in Claverack, Columbia county, New York. The 1st of January, 1911, is an important date in his life, for at that time he entered upon an apprenticeship with Phillips & Hultzlander, funeral directors of Hudson, and remained with them for ten

years, learning the business in principle and detail. On the expiration of that period he became associated with Ray T. Bates, a native of Vermont, and the firm of Bates & Anderson embarked in business at 444 Warren street. Remodeling the old structure, they have converted it into one of the most complete funeral homes in southeastern New York and own and occupy all of the space in this substantial brick building, which is three stories in height. For nearly a century undertaking parlors have been maintained at this location. The original owner, Jacob Cooper, was the first funeral director in Hudson. His successor, Elmer Van Vleit, here engaged in business for many years and Ensign & Bates were the next proprietors. They were associated until the death of the senior partner and the firm of Bates & Anderson was then formed. Many improvements have been made by the present owners, who put in a marble front and mosaic floors, using modern art glass in the windows. In the rear they have a beautiful chapel and can handle two funerals at the same time. They carry everything in the line of funeral supplies and accessories and these are displayed in rooms on the second floor. In the rear they have a large private garage which will accommodate six cars. They own two hearses of the latest type and two modern cars. Their heating plant is thoroughly modern and they have installed an electric hoist, which is used in conveying stock from the rear of the building to the upper floors. They are fully equipped to render the utmost in service, and an extensive business is indicative of their prestige as morticians. Mr. Anderson's knowledge of undertaking and embalming has resulted from twenty years of practical experience in the business and he is also identified with financial affairs, being a director of the Hudson Saving & Loan Association.

On the 25th of April, 1907, Mr. Anderson was married in Hudson to Miss Alice Risch, a daughter of Henry and Sarah Risch. Her father was born in Germany and both parents are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have one child, Doris Lucille, who was born in Hudson, February 1, 1916, and is attending high school.

Mr. Anderson is a vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church of Hudson and a member of the Men's Club of the Dutch Reformed Church. He belongs to the Claverack Grange and to the Dutch Arms of Claverack. In Masonry he has connection with Aquila Lodge, No. 700, F. & A. M., of Hudson; Hudson Chapter, No. 6, R. A. M.; Lafayette Commandery, K. T.; and the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. His fraternal afiiliations also extend to the Knights of The Maccabees, the Knights of Pythias and Camp 8771 of the Modern Woodmen of America, all of Hudson. These interests, however, are secondary to his business and his record of progress and achievement is most creditable, indicating what may be accomplished by the man who has the will to dare and to do.

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## WILLIAM PATRICK LANNON

Among the outstanding attorneys of Saratoga Springs is numbered William Patrick Lannon, whose ability as a criminal lawyer has gained for him more than local prominence. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 6, 1891, a son of John Joseph Lannon, who was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and came to the United States in his youth. For many years prior to his death on July 21, 1929, the father was a committeeman under the village form of government. The mother, Margaret Louise (Galligan) Lannon, is a native of Saratoga Springs and has reached the seventy-second milestone on life's journey.

William P. Lannon acquired his elementary instruction in the public schools and later was with the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company for about three years, filling the position of assistant cashier. Subsequently he entered the employ of the law firm of Leary & Fullerton, with whom he was identified when admitted to the bar in 1918. Thereafter he became associated with F. Andrew Hall, who was then commissioner of finance and with whom he spent five years as junior partner of the firm of Hall & Lannon, the relation being severed when Judge Hall was elevated to the bench. Mr. Lannon qualified for practice in the

federal courts February 10, 1920. He specializes in criminal and negligence practice and is classed with the foremost criminal lawyers of this part of the state. He has successfully handled some notable cases and his business in the courts is constantly increasing in volume a well as in importance. In his presentation of a cause he is well fortified by a comprehensive knowledge of the legal principles pertaining thereto and his logic carries conviction to the minds of the court and jury.

On the 3d of November, 1920, Mr. Lannon was married at Saratoga Springs to Miss Helen Margaret Cahill, a native of this city and a daughter of William and Catherine (Eagan) Cahill, who are now deceased. The father, who was born in New York city, conducted Hotel Columbia at Saratoga Springs for a number of years and passed away in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Lannon have a daughter, Margaret Catherine, who was born October 1, 1924.

Desirous of going to the front, Mr. Lannon endeavored to enlist in 1917 but was rejected for physical disability. However, he served his country at home, doing recruiting work at Syracuse, New York, and taking an active part in the Red Cross and Liberty Loan campaigns. He votes with the republican party and is a Roman Catholic in his religious belief. He resides at 16 Cottage street and his law office is at 400 Broadway. Mr. Lannon has a keen sense of his responsibilities as a lawyer and conforms his practice to the highest ethical standards of the profession.

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## JOHN AIELLO

One of the foremost Italian citizens of Albany, New York, is John Aiello, who is the president of the John Aiello & Brother Corporation, engaged in the wholesale fruit and produce business at 22 Grand street. He was born in Palermo, Italy, January 12, 1891, and is a son of James and Theresa (Cicero) Aiello.

The paternal grandparents of John Aiello were Angelo and Mary Aiello, both of whom were born and died in Italy. Angelo



JOHN AIELLO

was an extensive grower of lemons and oranges and was also a wine merchant, engaging in both the wholesale and retail trade. His wife owned much real estate in her native land. Angelo Aiello was a soldier during the Revolutionary war in Italy. James Aiello, his son, was born in Palermo, January 12, 1855, and is now a retired produce merchant residing in Albany, New York. He came to the United States in 1895, and settled in New York city, where he engaged in his own business. He is a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Roman Catholic Church, and supports the democratic party. His wife was born in Italy, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Cicero, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Aiello died in Albany, June 22, 1930.

John Aiello attended school in his native Italy for only about two months and then came to the United States with his mother and two sisters, Mary and Josephine, also a brother, Anthony, who is deceased. The father and two sons, Angelo and Joseph, had preceded them to this country. After reaching New York city, John Aiello attended public school No. 19 until he was thirteen and a half years old, and during this interval he worked in his father's store before and after his classes and on Saturdays, This was a retail food and produce store, and in it he learned the business methods and details which were to be of inestimable value to him in later years. For a period of six months he worked in the plumbing business, having had an idea he would like this as his life's work, but he returned to his father's store and remained with his father and two older brothers until he was sixteen years of age. At this time, his brother Angelo started in the wholesale fruit business, and he found employment with him for four years. In 1913, he came to Albany, New York, with his horse and wagon and the sum of eight hundred dollars which his devoted mother had saved for him. With these resources, he established himself in business on May 6th of that year at 16 Grand street, with the expectation that his brother would join him later. He started business under the name of John Aiello & Brother, of which he was sole proprietor. About one year later, he took his brother Joseph into the firm with him, and in 1925

it was incorporated under the same title. They have purchased the property which is occupied by the store, including sixty-five feet on Grand street and eighty-nine feet on Market street. Plans are now being made to enlarge the three-story building on the lot in order to care for the fast developing business conducted by the brothers.

Only a few Albany grocers carried vegetables during the winter months when John Aiello arrived here in 1913, and thus he conceived the idea of bringing fresh produce to the city, offering the public such produce during the seasons when it could not be home-grown. As soon as the growing season begins, however, Mr. Aiello discontinues having these greens shipped in, as it is not his desire to be a competitor of the home farmer. He was the first merchant to order greens shipped to Albany and brought to the city the first car of Iceberg lettuce grown in California. The John Aiello & Brother Corporation now handles as high as forty car-loads of this lettuce annually, supplying the public throughout the year. Red peppers were not available when Mr. Aiello first came to Albany and, realizing a demand for them, particularly among the Italian people, he had them shipped in by boat, developing an extensive trade. After about four years, however, the farmers in the vicinity of Albany began growing them, buying the ripe peppers from Mr. Aiello and planting the seeds, and today there are more peppers grown in Albany county than in any other art of the Empire state. Mr. Aiello is directly responsible for this added source of income to the farmers. His extensive fruit and produce business is still growing, and as his financial resources have increased he has invested in real estate in Albany, where he now enjoys high standing as a prosperous and representative citizen.

On October 15, 1916, John Aiello was married to Ellen Josephine Flanagan, who was born in Philadelphia and is a daughter of Arthur and Ellen (Kane) Flanagan, both now deceased. Mrs. Aiello was educated in the parochial schools of Waterford, Ireland, and is a member of St. Vincent de Paul's Roman Catholic Church, also various women's organizations connected with this

parish. Mr. and Mrs. Aiello have three children, namely: James J., born July 17, 1917; John, Jr., and Ellen Josephine, twins, born January 22, 1922. Arthur and Theresa, another pair of twins, were born in 1919, but are now deceased. The family home is at 744 Western avenue.

Mr. Aiello is a communicant in St. Vincent de Paul's parish of the Roman Catholic Church, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. He belongs to Albany Lodge, No. 49, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; the Rotary Club; the Albany Club, and the Albany Chamber of Commerce. His political affiliation is with the democratic party. His business reputation in the city has been created by his thoroughly fair dealings with his many customers. Only produce and fruits of the first quality are carried. He has made many friends by his congenial and democratic disposition, and merits the outstanding success he has won.

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## JOHN JAMES MOY

Few residents of Hudson have as wide an acquaintance as has John James Moy, who retired from the office of city judge to become corporation counsel for the city of Hudson and is now serving in that capacity. He was born December 8, 1887, in the community where he still resides, and is a son of Daniel and Mary (Lilly) Moy, the latter also a native of Hudson. The father was born in County Donegal, Ireland, and when about twenty years of age came to the United States, settling in Hudson, New York. Entering the service of the Boston & Albany Railroad, he remained an employee of that company for twenty-nine years, and his death occurred on the 21st of February, 1928. In his family there were seven children, two of whom were twins and died in infancy. Daniel, the eldest son, is an electrician and resides in Hudson. Winifred became the wife of Joseph F. O'Rourke, now deceased, and has one child, Joseph F., Jr. Mrs. O'Rourke is now in charge of the health clinic of Hudson as head nurse. Thomas F. Moy, a machinist, married Miss Pearl Heth, of Hudson, and

has two children, Frances and Doris. Kathryn is the wife of William E. Herb, manager of the New York office of the Gifford-Wood Company of Hudson. They reside in White Plains, New York, and are the parents of two children, Mary E. and Kathleen.

John J. Moy, who completes the family, obtained his early education in St. Mary's Academy, from which he was graduated in 1905, and next took a course in the Albany Business College. Afterward he engaged in stenotyping for a number of years and then enrolled as a student in the Albany Law School, which awarded him the degree of LL. B. in June, 1914, but had been admitted to the bar in March of that year, three months before his graduation. For ten years he was employed by Collier, Collier & Browning, Hudson attorneys, and on the 1st of January, 1915, became a member of the firm of Collier, Browning & Moy. Later he engaged in practice under his own name and is still alone, although he remains in the same location at 609 Warren street, where he started to work on the day following his graduation from business college. He has displayed marked skill in the conduct of intricate cases and is accorded a liberal clientele. During the period of the World war he acted as chairman of the committee in charge of state registration and was associate member of the legal advisory board of Columbia county. Elected city judge in the fall of 1917, he took office January 1, 1918, and for eight years presided over the municipal court, dispensing justice with an even hand. In 1923 he was democratic candidate for county judge of Columbia county. On the 1st of January, 1925, he became corporation counsel, thus continuing for two years, and was out of office during 1929. In 1930 he entered upon another term of two years and has made an enviable record as corporation counsel, proving the right man for the office. He is inheritance tax attorney for Columbia county, capably discharging his duties in that connection.

Mr. Moy was married in Hudson, November 9, 1915, to Miss Anna Frankowski, by whom he has three sons, John James, Jr., Joseph D. and James D. Mr. Moy and his family attend St. Mary's Catholic Church and his wife is an earnest worker in its

behalf. In politics he is a democrat and in the fall of 1915 was elected president of the common council of Hudson. He assumed the duties of the office January 1, 1916, and served acceptably for three years, working at all times for the best interests of his city. His devotion to the welfare of his community is manifest as a member of Washington Hose Company, No. 3, of Hudson, and he is a past president of the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association. His fraternal affiliations are with the local council of the Knights of Columbus; Hudson Lodge, No. 1184, of the Loyal Order of Moose; and Hudson Lodge, No. 787, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, of which he is a past exalted ruler. However, he subordinates all other interests to the demands of his profession and is a valued member of the Columbia County Bar Association. Throughout his career Mr. Moy has been a tireless worker and his life record most clearly indicates the value of industry and perseverance as factors in the attainment of success.

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## EDWARD HOWLAND PARRY

Edward Howland Parry, who is closely identified with business interests of Glens Falls, his native city, as a representative of the Glens Falls Portland Cement Co., Inc., was born March 13, 1897. His father, John Elliott Parry, was born at Fort Edward, New York, February 8, 1858, and obtained his start in life as a clerk in the Glens Falls National Bank. Through repeated promotions he became in succession bookkeeper, teller and cashier, finally assuming the duties of vice president. He continued with the one institution for a period of fifty-one years, influencing its growth and development to a marked extent, and was active in the management of the bank until his death in July, 1930. In financial circles of Glens Falls he occupied an enviable place and also figured prominently in business affairs as secretary of the local Portland Cement Company—an office which he occupied for thirty-eight years. He married Miss Nathalie B. Groesbeck, who was born at Fort Ann, New York, December 20, 1857, and passed

away in 1930. They were the parents of three sons: John Elliott, Jr.; Nathaniel G., who died in 1925; and Edward Howland.

The youngest son was graduated from the Glens Falls Academy as a member of the class of 1915 and continued his studies at Williams College, from which institution he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1919. He then went to the mining district of Colorado, spending about five years in that state. In 1924 he returned to his native city, becoming personnel manager of the Glens Falls Portland Cement Co., Inc., of Glens Falls, and has since filled this important position. He has exerted every effort to further the welfare and interests of the company's employes, who are faithful, dependable and loyal, and a spirit of harmonious cooperation pervades the institution.

Imbued with the spirit of patriotism, Mr. Parry entered the United States Army in 1917 as a volunteer and was detailed for field service. He qualified as an aviator in 1918 and thus served until February, 1919, when he received an honorable discharge. He belongs to the American Legion and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and his religious belief is shown in his membership in the Episcopal Church. He shapes his conduct by its teachings and is a young man of substantial worth, energetic by nature and capable of successfully managing business interests of importance.

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## EDWARD R. WAITE

Edward R. Waite, an attorney practicing at Hudson Falls, was born in Smith Center, Kansas, December 4, 1896, and is a son of Levi Waite. The grandfather, Leander R. Waite, was a native of Granville, New York, and became one of the prosperous agriculturists of Washington county. His son, Levi Waite, was born at Fort Ann, New York, and as a young man sought the opportunities of the west, locating in Kansas. For many years he has followed the occupation of farming and also conducted a bank

after his removal to the Sunflower state. He married Miss Minnie Ragsdale, a native of Iowa, and they have a family of seven children: Harold A., who is a mining engineer and lives in Denver, Colorado; Louise, a teacher of English in the high school at Whitehall, New York; Clark G., who is engaged in the taxicab business in Detroit, Michigan; Robert, associated with his brother Clark in business; Edward R.; Agnes, an instructor in one of the high schools of Ithaca, New York; and Roger, an agriculturist, who resides at Fort Ann.

Edward R. Waite obtained his high school education at Fort Ann, graduating with the class of 1915, and following this took a two years' classical course in Cornell College. He then attended the Albany Law School, which he left to enlist in the Canadian Army during the World war. Going overseas, he was stationed on various fronts in France and Belgium, and was in the service for one and a half years. When mustered out he went to Glens Falls, New York, where he attended the Haley Business Institute for eight months, afterward completing his law studies, and in September, 1922, was admitted to the bar. Entering the law office of Rogers & Sawyer, attorneys at Hudson Falls, he remained with them until January 1st, 1929, when Judge Rogers was elevated to the supreme court bench, and the firm was dissolved. Since that time Mr. Waite has practiced here under his own name, bringing to bear keen discernment in coping with the intricacies of the law, and his clientele is steadily growing in volume as well as in importance. He acts as attorney for the National Bank of Argyle, which he aided in organizing, and did all of the legal work at that time.

On St. Valentine's day of 1927, Mr. Waite was married to Miss Angela M. De Lair, a native of Hudson Falls, and they have two daughters, Jane Louise and Annette. In politics Mr. Waite is a republican, and fraternally he is a Mason, identified with Mount Hope Lodge, No. 260, F. & A. M., at Fort Ann, of which he is a past master, and with Hudson Falls Chapter, R. A. M. He belongs to the Masonic Club, to Hudson Falls Post, No. 574, of the American Legion, and to the Washington County and New

York State Bar Associations. Studious and energetic, he closely applies himself to the work of his profession and his ability is bringing him rapidly to the fore in his chosen field of activity, while his personal qualities are such as make for confidence and esteem.

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## GEORGE H. KAPP

A forceful and capable executive, George H. Kapp is an influential factor in manufacturing circles of Mount Vernon, his native city, as the secretary and treasurer of the Kapp & Nordholm Company and has an intimate knowledge of the sash and door business. He was born December 30, 1867, in the structure which stood on the site now occupied by the First National Bank building, and is a son of Gerhart and Kate Kapp. The father came to this country from Germany, settling in Mount Vernon, New York, and was married here. In the early days he was prominently identified with the business life of the city, conducting the Kapp Hotel where the First National Bank building was afterward erected, and maintained a first-class hostelry which was liberally patronized. He voted with the democratic party and supported all worthy public projects but never sought political office. His life was terminated at the age of fifty-two years and his wife reached the forty-seventh milestone on life's journey.

The educational advantages enjoyed by George H. Kapp were afforded by the public school system of Mount Vernon and his commercial training was acquired in New York city, where he spent two years with a jobbing house dealing in suspenders, later working for a notion concern in that metropolis. With his return to Mount Vernon he became shipping clerk for Hartmann Brothers, manufacturers of sash and door trimmings, located at First street and Fourteenth avenue, and remained with them for a number of years, mastering every phase of that industry. In 1907 he organized the Kapp & Nordholm Company and opened a sash and door factory at Brookdale place. Two years later the

building was destroyed by fire and in 1909 removal was made to 122 North Second avenue, where the business is still maintained. The plant is provided with the latest and best appliances for facilitating the work of production and the output has ever been kept at a high standard. Systematically and wisely conducted, the business has enjoyed a steady growth and this has become one of the important productive industries of the city. As secretary and treasurer, Mr. Kapp has instituted well devised plans for the development of its interests and the expansion of its trade relations and is also a director of the First National Bank of Mount Vernon.

On the 25th of February, 1891, Mr. Kapp was married to Miss Daisy Race, a daughter of James and Mary Race and a member of old families of the Hudson River Valley. Like many broad-minded men of the present day, Mr. Kapp maintains an independent attitude in politics and his influence is ever on the side of movements of reform, progress and improvement. A tireless worker, he has few interests outside of his business, and upon the enduring foundation of integrity and honor he has reared the superstructure of his success.

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## JOHN D. McGRATH

John D. McGrath, who is numbered among the most successful real estate men of Westchester county, New York, was born in Chicago, Illinois, April 25, 1887, a son of John J. and Christine (McKay) McGrath. The father was a contractor by occupation and both he and his wife were born in the Dominion of Canada.

John D. McGrath received his education in the public schools of Chicago and later graduated from Lewis Institute as a mechanical engineer. Since that time he has been identified with the sale of equipment and the construction of plants, both in this country and in Europe. He has a thorough knowledge of property values, based on many years of experience and observation, in the metropolitan area of New York and its suburban environs.

Mr. McGrath was married in 1920 to Miss Marjorie Bursch of Brooklyn, New York, and they have one daughter, Anne.

Mr. McGrath has been identified with many civic and welfare endeavors. He is a republican and for the past eight years has been a councilman of the city of White Plains, and has been one of a group of public-spirited men who have advanced the interests of White Plains to a position where this city is one of the foremost communities of its size in the state of New York.

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## GILBERT COFFIN MacKENZIE, M. D.

Dr. Gilbert Coffin MacKenzie is a son of the late Dr. David Hugh MacKenzie, of Millbrook, who for more than forty years practiced his profession in Dutchess county, beloved by all who knew him and honored by the fellow members of his profession as a physician of the highest ethics. Dr. David Hugh MacKenzie was born in Nova Scotia, April 6, 1860, of Scotch parents. Shortly after graduating in medicine at New York University School of Medicine, he located at Mabbettsville, joining Dr. Henry of that place, also a native of Nova Scotia. In 1905 he removed to Millbrook and from that period continued his practice there until his death, which occurred in 1929. His marriage was with Miss Helen Coffin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coffin, and he had three sons: Hugh, a Harvard man and World war veteran who is professor of history at the University of Rochester in Rochester, New York; Gilbert C., of this review; and Edwin G., a practicing physician of Millbrook who was associated with his father in practice prior to the latter's death. A more extended review of his career appears on another page of this publication.

Gilbert Coffin MacKenzie, born May 28, 1896, attended the schools of his home community and entered New York University. He had begun his professional training at the Albany Medical College when the United States joined the Allies in the war against Germany, and he abandoned his studies to enlist for military service. Sent overseas with the One Hundred and Fourth



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Aero Squadron, he received intensive training at Tours, France, and was commissioned second lieutenant. He was assigned to air observation of the combat front and enemy gun fire, reporting this to the artillery. Dr. MacKenzie was mustered out at Garden City, Long Island, February 16, 1919, and subsequently resumed his studies at Albany Medical College, from which he received the degree of M. D. a decade later, in 1929, for during an interim he was associated with other lines of endeavor. He served his interneship at Vassar Hospital and in 1930 began practice at Pleasant Valley, where he has continued in the work of his chosen profession to the present time and has specialized in pediatrics with marked success. He serves on the staff of Vassar Hospital and also, by courtesy, on the staff of St. Francis Hospital.

The name of Dr. MacKenzie is found on the membership roll of Pleasant Valley Post, No. 739, of the American Legion. He also belongs to the Greek letter society Nu Sigma Nu, and he worships at the Presbyterian Church. The Doctor is a young man of many admirable personal characteristics and enjoys deserved popularity in both professional and social circles of his community.

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## ARCADE G. BOIVIN

Arcade G. Boivin, postmaster of Cohoes and a well known funeral director, has engaged in business here for nearly thirty years, winning a gratifying measure of success. He was born at St. Johns, Quebec, Canada, May 20, 1878, and is a son of Moise B. and Rosalie (Dupont) Boivin, also natives of that province. The father, who engaged in the meat business, is now retired but the mother passed away in 1913.

In the acquirement of an education Arcade G. Boivin attended parochial and public schools of Cohoes, the Albany Business College and the College of Embalming, graduating from the latter institution in 1899. For a short time he worked for P. F. Hamel, a Cohoes mortician, and afterward was connected with undertak-

ing establishments in New York city. In 1902 he embarked in business at Cohoes and now has one of the finest funeral homes in Albany county. At all times he has maintained a high standard of service and under his efficient direction the business has steadily expanded.

On the 26th of November, 1900, Mr. Boivin was married in St. Joseph's Church at Cohoes to Miss Delia Davignon, who was born in Green Island, New York. Her father, Elzear Davignon, was a native of Canada and followed the occupation of cabinet-maker until his death in 1896. He had married a Miss Mesique, also of French descent, who was born in Ticonderoga, New York, and passed away in 1918. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. Boivin, six survive: Beatrice, aged twenty-six years, a graduate of St. Joseph's Academy; Lionel J., a young man of twenty-five, who was graduated from the Albany Business College and the Cincinnati College of Embalming; George Oliver, twenty-three years of age, who also completed a course in the Cincinnati College of Embalming and is associated with his father and brother Lionel in the undertaking business; Charlotte, a young woman of twenty, who was graduated from the Cohoes high school and is attending the New Rochelle College for the training of teachers; Paul, a youth of nineteen and a member of the senior class of the local high school; and Lucille, aged eighteen years, a junior in high school.

Mr. Boivin and his family are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church and he has membership in St. Jean Baptiste Old Benevolent Society, L'Union St. Jean Baptiste d'Amerique, La Salle Council, No. 129, of the Knights of Columbus, the Order of Alhambra, the Knights of The Maccabees, the Woodmen of America, the Loyal Order of Moose and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mrs. Boivin belongs to the woman's auxiliary of the Woodmen of America, is serving on the board of the Cohoes Hospital and is active in church and charitable work. During the World war period Mr. Boivin served on a number of local committees, thus contributing toward the success of the various drives instituted at that time. He is a stalwart republican

and has been active in behalf of the party. On its ticket he was twice a candidate for the office of coroner and for seven years he was commissioner of health. In that connection he rendered valuable public service and he is now doing equally creditable work as postmaster of Cohoes. As a business man he has long enjoyed an enviable reputation for ability, enterprise and fair dealing and he keeps in close touch with the latest developments in his chosen line of endeavor through his membership in the Embalming Association and the American Funeral Directors Association. The son of poor parents, Mr. Boivin received no financial assistance when he started out in life and is a man of energy and determination who has never feared that laborious effort which must always precede ascendancy in the business world.

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## JOHN EMERY ARMSTRONG

Saratoga Springs has a conscientious and capable public official in John Emery Armstrong, whose work as superintendent of police has elicited the unqualified approval and commendation of all law-abiding citizens of the community. He was born in this city September 21, 1888, a son of John E. and Julia (Ryan) Armstrong, the former a native of Quaker Springs, New York, and the latter of Little Falls, this state. The father was a prominent figure in hotel circles of the Empire state for many years and passed away in 1927. For a decade he had survived the mother, whose demise occurred in 1917.

The advantages of a public school education were accorded John E. Armstrong, whose first work was in connection with the textile industry. Joining the New York National Guard, he became a member of the Second Regiment of infantry and at the outbreak of the World war immediately volunteered for service. He was sent to San Antonio, Texas, with the Ninetieth Division of infantry and was on duty in France for a year. At St. Mihiel he was wounded and spent four months in a hospital as a result of that engagement. After the signing of the armistice he went

to Germany with the Army of Occupation, his assignment being with the Sixth Division of infantry, and was mustered out at Camp Upton, Long Island, in July, 1919. Entering the service as a private, he was made sergeant of his company and was next commissioned a second lieutenant, while he is now a first lieutenant in the Officers Reserve Corps. On the 1st of January, 1928, he was appointed superintendent of police, and while without previous experience in constabularly work, he has made effective use of his military training and his efficient administration has resulted in a decided improvement in the personnel and morale of the men under his charge.

On the 14th of January, 1929, Mr. Armstrong was married at Saratoga Springs to Miss Mae O. McKinney, a native of the city and a daughter of John and Mary McKinney. The father has passed away but Mrs. McKinney is still a resident of Saratoga Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong reside at 161 East avenue. They are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church and in politics Mr. Armstrong is a democrat. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Columbus and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He belongs to the American Legion, the association of Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Mount McGregor Country Club and the Chiefs of Police Association of New York State. At all points in his career Mr. Armstrong has been actuated by a strong sense of duty and honor and the respect that is uniformly accorded him is well deserved.

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## HENRY ROBERTSON BARRETT

Henry Robertson Barrett, of White Plains, was born August 19, 1869, in Bedford, New York, and is a son of Joseph and Emma H. (Robertson) Barrett. He acquired his education in the district schools, in Bedford Academy, in Blair Academy of Blairstown, New Jersey, and in Lafayette College, from which latter institution he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1890 and the Master of Arts degree in 1893. He was admitted to the

bar of New York state May 11, 1892, and immediately began his practice at White Plains, which has since been the principal field of his endeavors. His professional career has been characterized by high ethical procedure. In numerous other ways, he has made of himself a most acceptable type of citizen in his residence community. He is a member of the American, the New York State and the Westchester County Bar Associations. He is affiliated in a business and professional way with a number of organizations, being a director and counsel in the Citizens Bank of White Plains; a trustee and member of the finance committee of the Home Savings Bank; a director and vice president of the Lawyers Westchester Mortgage & Title Company; a counsel and director of the Kensico Cemetery; and director and president of the White Plains Publishing Company, which is the owner of the White Plains Reporter.

At White Plains, New York, on December 6, 1900, Mr. Barrett was married to Anna R. Parker, whose death occurred February 17, 1914. They became the parents of five children, as follows: Henry R., Jr., Emily E., Ione P., Donald P., and Dorothyanna. On the 5th of December, 1926, Mr. Barrett married Elizabeth J. Endriss, of White Plains.

In civic activities of White Plains and Westchester county, Mr. Barrett has always assumed an outstanding part, and is vitally interested in the welfare of his home community and its institutions. He is a member of the board of governors and president of the White Plains Hospital Association; chairman of the executive committee of the Westchester county commission of general safety in 1917-18; member of the southern district appeal board; and an incorporator and director and ex-president of the Westchester Chamber of Commerce in 1909; a director of the White Plains Chamber of Commerce; and for six years he served as corporation counsel of the village of White Plains. He served as counsel for the Westchester county park commission for six and one-half years and later became a member of the board of park commissioners. He has given his hearty support to the republican party through many years. He is secretary of the

Westchester county republican committee; chairman of the republican committee of White Plains; member of the New York state constitutional convention in 1915; and member of the National Republican Club. He is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon collegiate fraternity, while his local club and fraternal affiliations include White Plains Lodge, No. 535, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Transportation Club, the Gedney Farm Golf Club and the Westchester Hills Country Club. Mr. Barrett has created an enviable reputation for himself, and has entered a well diversified group of activities which have enhanced his popularity and usefulness as a citizen.

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## GEORGE E. O'CONNOR

Successfully following in the professional footsteps of his father, George E. O'Connor has established his position among the leading attorneys of Waterford, where members of the family have long figured prominently in connection with the practice of law. He was born November 5, 1893, in the town where he still resides, and is a son of Thomas and Margaret (Fitzsimmons) O'Connor, the latter a native of Warrensburg, New York. The father was born in Waterford and is one of the best known lawyers in this part of Saratoga county.

George E. O'Connor obtained his early instruction in the grade and high schools of Waterford and next attended the Philips Exeter Academy, graduating as a member of the class of 1910. He won the Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University in 1914 and for two years thereafter was a student at the Columbia Law School, which awarded him the degree of LL. B. in 1916. Admitted to the bar in March, 1917, he joined his father in practice at Waterford and five years later Gerald W. O'Connor, a younger son, entered the firm, which has handled much of the important litigation tried in the courts of this district. Soon after he entered upon his legal career George E. O'Connor enlisted and was assigned to the department of gas defense, chemical warfare

service. He was stationed in New York and Long Island City and was mustered out in the latter city. Returning home, he resumed general practice but now gives his attention largely to cases involving the use of water power, having a detailed knowledge of that branch of jurisprudence. He is attorney for the town of Waterford and in addition to his professional activities is serving on the board of directors of the Mohawk Paper Mills, while he is also a director of the Leonard Hospital at Troy, New York.

On the 5th of February, 1927, Mr. O'Connor was married in Brooklyn, New York, to Miss Annabel M. Gallagher, a graduate of Trinity College of Washington, D. C. She is a daughter of Frank J. Gallagher, a well known contractor of Brooklyn, and Rose (Chamberlain) Gallagher, a native of that city. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor now have a son, Thomas (II), who is but a year old. They reside at 30 Sixth street and are communicants of the Roman Catholic Church. In politics Mr. O'Connor is a democrat and loyally cooperates in all movements destined to prove of benefit to his community, county and state. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, of which he is a past grand Knight, and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He also belongs to the American Legion, the Van Schaick Island and Troy Country Clubs, the Yale Club of New York, and the Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Beta Kappa societies. His best energies are reserved for his legal work, and studiousness, combined with the habit of thoroughness, is bringing him steadily to the fore in his profession.

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## OSCAR LEROY WARREN

As a member of the legal profession of Westchester county, New York, Oscar LeRoy Warren has distinguished himself by his successful practice and his consummate knowledge of the law. He has shown extraordinary versatility during his career before the bar, as indicated in the subsequent paragraphs. He was born in White Plains, New York, May 5, 1882, and is a son of James L.

and Sarah A. (Evans) Warren, the former having been a prominent civil engineer in Westchester county.

Oscar L. Warren attended district school No. 4 in the town of Harrison, the Cortland Normal School, and in 1899 graduated from high school in White Plains. He then entered upon his advanced studies at New York University, and this institution conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1903, followed in 1904 by the degree of Bachelor of Laws. For two years thereafter, he served as a clerk in the office of Farrington W. Thompson in White Plains, and from May, 1905, to October, 1906, he was engaged as closing attorney for the Westchester and Bronx Title & Mortgage Company. He then became a partner in the law firm of Warren & Coons, which association was maintained until January, 1913, at which date he received the appointment of clerk of the surrogate court of Westchester county, New York. He efficiently conducted the duties of this office until January, 1919, when he again entered the private practice of law in the city of White Plains, and is continuing at this date with marked credit to himself and the utmost satisfaction to his large clientage.

Mr. Warren is particularly active in the support of the democratic party. He was chairman of the democratic committee of White Plains from 1918 to 1920, and since the last named date has been chairman of the democratic committee of Westchester county. During the period of the United States' participation in the World war, he served on a number of local committees and was a member of the legal advisory board of his resident city.

As an author upon legal topics, Mr. Warren has also become widely known, especially for his writing and editing of the third edition of Wait's New York Practice. This is one of the authoritative law books which have been published in this country. In 1878, William Wait brought the first edition before the profession, and the second edition was later completed by David H. Hunt. Three volumes by Mr. Warren have been issued to date. He has been a trustee of the supreme court library for ten years and is now chairman of the board.

Amateur photography has claimed much of Mr. Warren's attention, and may be described as both a hobby and an accomplishment with him. He is also the owner of one of the finest collections of amateur photographic art in the state.

Mr. Warren has served as secretary of the Westchester County Bar Association, and is also a member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association. He has been treasurer of the University Club of White Plains, and is now a member of the board of managers of the new State Normal School in White Plains. He has been enthusiastic in lending his aid to various movements designed for the welfare of his native city and county, and well deserves the appellation of public-spirited citizen.

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## WILLIAM HOWARD BROOKS

William Howard Brooks, who resides in the village of Highland Mills and is known throughout Orange county, New York, as a successful stock dealer and breeder, was born in Little Britain, this county, September 19, 1867. His parents, William and Phoebe (Rumsey) Brooks, were natives of Highland Mills and members of old families of this part of the state. Of the fourteen children born to them, five died in infancy and all are now deceased except four, namely: Mrs. Henry Vance, a resident of Washingtonville, New York; George, living at Chester, this state; Alpha, of Monroe, New York; and William Howard, of this review.

William H. Brooks was reared on the home farm and pursued his education in the public schools of Little Britain. Through assisting his father he became familiar with general agricultural pursuits, which he followed for a considerable period, and then became a cattle buyer. He spent some time in Wisconsin and then returned to the Empire state, locating at Highland Mills, where he has made his home for forty years. He raises high-grade cattle and is an expert judge of live stock, which he buys

and sells. A shrewd dealer, he has prospered in his undertakings and his productive, well improved farm bears evidence of the thrift and capable management of its owner.

On the 12th of April, 1892, in Washingtonville, New York, Mr. Brooks married Miss Lucy Taylor, who was born April 12, 1870, her parents being A. Howell and Mary (Ostrander) Taylor, natives of Blooming Grove, New York, and the Minisink valley, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks became the parents of three children, two of whom died in infancy. Everett Howard, born in 1894, was associated with his father in the stock business. He met an accidental death June 13, 1920, when a young man of twenty-six years, leaving a widow, Mrs. Bertha (Crowell) Brooks, and a daughter, Myra Geraldine, who was born July 25, 1916, and is now in high school.

Mr. Brooks is a democrat of the Jeffersonian type and his religious views are in harmony with the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has no club or fraternal connections, for his interest centers in his home and his business, and the measure of success which he now enjoys is the direct outcome of a life of earnest endeavor and honorable, straightforward dealing.

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## FERDINAND R. HORN

Ferdinand R. Horn, one of the owners of an extensive and prosperous harness and leather manufacturing business, is one of Rockland county's progressive citizens and influential political leaders. He was born in New York city, July 1, 1897, and is a son of Ferdinand, Sr., and Magdalena (Hornung) Horn. The father, who was born in Germany, January 1, 1862, came to this country when about twelve years of age and settled in Greenwich Village, where he eventually established a harness shop, which has been maintained to the present time and is now one of the most important concerns in its line in this part of the country, having been in continuous existence for about a half century. Though closely devoted to his business, Mr. Horn gave a due share of his



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attention to the political affairs of his adopted country and as a member of the democratic county committee he became a man of influence in local affairs. In early manhood Ferdinand Horn, Sr., married Miss Magdalena Hornung, a native of Germany, born January 23, 1861, and they became the parents of three children, a son, Ferdinand R., and two daughters who died in infancy.

Ferdinand R. Horn received a good education, attending the public schools of New York city and graduating from the Stuyvesant high school. Later he completed a course at Drake's Business School and at the Stewart School of Automobile Engineering. He also attended Cornell University and has numerous credits in special work done by him in that institution. For many years he has been actively associated with his father in the harness manufacturing business on Hudson street, Greenwich, and they have one of the most complete and up-to-date plants in the country. Mr. Horn is also a stockholder and director of the Nanuet National Bank.

In 1919 Mr. Horn was united in marriage to Miss Hilda Knapp, a granddaughter of Louis Boetcher, of Spring Valley, who has been engaged in the hardware business there for sixty years and is one of the best known business men of that locality. Mr. and Mrs. Horn have become the parents of two children: Ferdinand R. (III), born October 26, 1920; and Hilda, born November 1, 1923, who died April 26, 1931.

Politically, Mr. Horn is a democrat and has taken a very active part in public affairs. In 1929 he attained a notable victory, being elected to the state assembly in the face of strong Republican opposition. Though Rockland county is normally republican by fifty-five hundred majority, he carried the county by a majority of fifteen hundred and forty-seven, thus showing extraordinary vote-getting power and a personal popularity that is a distinct compliment to his character and personal relations. He is now treasurer of the Rockland Democratic Club. He belongs to United Brothers Lodge, No. 356, F. & A. M.; Spring Valley Lodge of the Knights of Pythias; Haverstraw Lodge, No. 877, B. P. O. E.;

Naurashank Post, No. 794, A. L.; the International Association of Fire Chiefs; the Eastern Association of Fire Chiefs; the Rockland Volunteer Fire Association, of which he is a past president; the New York-New Jersey Volunteer Firemen's Association, of which he is a trustee; the Firemen's Association of the State of New York; the Hudson Valley Firemen's Association; the Nanuet Fire Department, of which he is a past president and the honorary chief; the Nanuet Board of Trade, of which he is a past president; Rockland County Chamber of Commerce; St. John's Social Union, of St. John's Lutheran Church; the Rockland County Society; the Rockland County Good Roads Association; the Rockland Taxpayers Association, and the Fish and Game Association. His military record covers service in the veterinary corps at Ithaca, New York, during the period of the World war. He is a man of sound opinions on questions of public policy, has shown a capacity for a tremendous amount of hard work in the interest of his constituency, and throughout Rockland county he is held in high esteem by all, regardless of political lines.

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## REV. HOWARD G. HAGEMAN, D. D.

Rev. Howard G. Hageman, one of the prominent clergymen of Albany, is pastor of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, which has been under his direction for eight years, and possesses talents that have made his labors more than ordinarily effective. He was born in Crawford county, Ohio, August 3, 1885, and is a son of Henry Hageman, a retired farmer. The mother, Martha (Garberich) Hageman, also a native of the Buckeye state, is deceased.

Reared on the homestead, Dr. Hageman attended one of the country schools of Crawford county and a small high school at New Washington, Ohio. Afterward he became a high school instructor, teaching for about five years. He then matriculated in Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he won the A. B. degree in 1913, and next took a course in the Boston School of Theology, graduating in 1916 with the degree of S. T. D. While

pursuing his education in Boston he won a scholarship which entitled him to a year of study abroad. In recognition of his learning and ability Syracuse University conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1925. While a student at Ohio Wesleyan University he began to preach the gospel and had a charge at Delaware, Ohio, from 1911 until 1913. When in Boston he filled a pulpit at Wilmington, Massachusetts, from 1914 until 1917 and then went to Lynn, Massachusetts, which was the scene of his labors from 1918 until 1922. During the period of the World war he spoke in behalf of the various drives promulgated by the government and while in the service of the Young Men's Christian Association he spent considerable time at Camp Devens, near Boston. In 1923 he came to Albany to his present charge and his accomplishments here have been noteworthy. During the eight years of his pastorate in this city he has received more than seventeen hundred people into his church, has enlarged the church plant by adding a community house costing about one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, and the staff of the church has been increased from the pastor alone to four assistants who are full-time workers. Dr. Hageman has built up the church in temporal and spiritual power and has been a true shepherd of his flock, guiding them along the pathway of Christian life.

On the 1st of September, 1910, at Delaware, Ohio, was solemnized the marriage of the Rev. Howard G. Hageman and Miss Cora E. Derfler, a daughter of William and Emma Derfler, of Bucyrus, that state. The father, a retired railroad man, passed away in 1908. Dr. and Mrs. Hageman have two children: Howard G., Jr., who was born April 19, 1921, and is attending the Albany Boys Academy; and Betty Jean, born March 23, 1925.

In politics Dr. Hageman maintains an independent course, placing the qualifications of a candidate before party ties, and is keenly interested in those plans and measures which are seeking the benefit of the individual and of the race. He belongs to Upper Hudson Chapter of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity and to the Clerisy Club, the Torch Club, the Conversational Club and the

Kiwanis Club. A Royal Arch Mason, he has connection with Wilmington Chapter and belongs to Temple Chapter, No. 5, in Albany. Dr. Hageman has shown an unusual capacity for governing church affairs and his religious instruction has constituted a tangible force for good in every community to which his pastoral duties have taken him.

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## REGINALD P. RAY

As vice president of the Westchester Title & Trust Company in White Plains, New York, Reginald P. Ray has for many years held a commanding position in the financial and business circles of Westchester county. He is a native of Lyons, New York, his birth having occurred October 3, 1880, and he is a son of Charles Howell and Harriet (Pearl) Ray.

Reginald P. Ray attended the Geneseo State Normal School, after which he entered the University of Buffalo Law School, where he completed his legal education. For four years after his graduation, he was associated with the well known law firm of Morey & Bosley in Buffalo, and then in 1905 he became connected with the legal department of the Westchester Title & Trust Company at White Plains. His services with this organization having proved most acceptable, he was promoted to the office of assistant secretary, then to secretary, and finally to the vice presidency, which title he now holds. He has won an excellent reputation as an authority upon financial matters, and he is the author of a number of magazine articles treating upon the subjects of banking and bank advertisements. He is also a director in the Westchester Safe Deposit Company.

On June 9, 1906, Mr. Ray was married to Miss Emma L. Tinsley, and they are the parents of three children, namely: Harriet, who graduated from Wells College in 1930; Edward T., who graduated from Andover in 1930 and is now a student at Williams College; and Caroline, who is a student in the White Plains high school.

Mr. Ray holds membership in the Westchester County Bar Association, and he is a trustee and treasurer of the Westchester County Historical Association. He is also a member of the Westchester Hills Golf Club, the City Club of White Plains and the Rotary Club, being a past president of the last named. He has shown an invariable interest in worthy community movements, and has held a number of posts including that of director of the Community Chest, member of the White Plains city zoning commission, trustee and treasurer of the White Plains Hospital, member and director of the four Liberty Loan drives during the World war period, and director of the first roll-call of the American Red Cross and the War Savings campaign for Westchester county. His political activities have always been in support of the republican party, and he is a member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Ray's career is typical of the successful American citizen, guided by high ambition and energy, and actuated by the best ideals and impulses.

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## DWIGHT MARVIN

Dwight Marvin, who entered the field of journalism by way of the legal profession, is widely known as editor of the Troy Record and has been with the paper for twenty-four years. He is associated with a number of local, county and state organizations and institutions and is ever found in the van of movements looking toward the accomplishment of real and practical good. Born in Auburn, New York, February 7, 1880, he is almost wholly of British lineage, with the customary strains of French, Dutch and German, and traces his genealogy in this country to a very early period in its history. His forbears in both the paternal and maternal lines were strong champions of the cause of American independence and five of his ancestors served in the Revolutionary war. His father, Dwight Edwards Marvin, born February 22, 1851, was a descendant of Reinold Marvin, who arrived in Connecticut about 1634. The mother, Ida Norton (Whitman)

Marvin, was descended from Abraham Wightman, later known as Whitman, who came to the Massachusetts Bay colony prior to the year 1640.

When Dwight Marvin was but three months old his parents established their home in Troy and in 1882 he went with them to Rensselaer, New York, where they remained until 1884. For four years thereafter they lived in Utica, New York, removing to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1888, and in 1900 returned to Troy. The father had entered the ministry and was engaged in pastoral work in these various cities. His son, Dwight Marvin, was a pupil in Germantown Academy from 1888 until his graduation in 1896, and then took a two years' course in Princeton University. In 1898 he matriculated in Williams College, which conferred upon him the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1901 and that of Master of Arts in 1904. Meanwhile he had become a student at the Albany Law School, maintained by Union University, and was graduated in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Laws. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and practiced until 1906, when he began his journalistic career as a reporter for the Troy Times. Resigning in 1907, he joined the Troy Record, which he represented successively as exchange, assistant and associate editor, and in 1915 became editor of the Troy Morning and Evening Record, which position he has filled for sixteen years. Mr. Marvin is a writer of breadth and power, equipped to deal vigorously and convincingly with important questions of the day, and as a result of his personal influence the paper has grown steadily in public favor. The Record has a large circulation and has long been regarded as one of the leading dailies of this part of the state. With local business and financial affairs Mr. Marvin is identified as a director of the Prudential Bank, the Community Hotels Corporation, the Hendrick Hudson Garage, Inc., and the Troy Record Company, all of this city. He is furthering its cultural development as president of the Chromatic Concerns, Inc., and as vice president and a trustee of the Troy Country Day School.

On the 4th of March, 1909, Mr. Marvin was married in Green-

wich, New York, to Miss Marian Hobbie, a native of that town and also of early New England stock. The American progenitor of the Hobbie family was the first junior warden of King's Chapel, Boston. Mrs. Marvin is a daughter of William R. Hobbie, who was born in Unity, Maine, in 1848 and was graduated from Amherst College in 1869. He won success as a paper manufacturer and is now deceased. His widow, Mrs. Phebe (Walsh) Hobbie, was born in Greenwich and makes her home in St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin are the parents of four children. Margaret Ingalls, the eldest, was born on Christmas day of 1909 and is an art student at the Museum School of Fine Arts in Boston. She was the first fifth-generation child in the Emma Willard School. Her great-great-grandmother taught there; her great-grandmother graduated from the school in 1838; her grandmother was a member of the class of 1867; and in the next generation all the daughters in the Marvin family were sent to that institution of learning. The other children are: William Hobbie, who was born July 1, 1912, and is a member of the senior class of the Troy Country Day School; Marian Elizabeth, who was born October 31, 1915, and is a freshman at the Emma Willard School in Troy; and John Keith, who was born July 1, 1924, and is attending Miss Thiessen's School in this city.

In politics Mr. Marvin is a republican, and formerly he was a trustee of the Second Street Presbyterian Church. Afterward he united with the First Presbyterian Church, in which he became a deacon, and is now one of its elders. He is historian of William Floyd Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, a past president of the Troy Rotary Club, and both he and his wife are members of the Troy Country Club. Mrs. Marvin is serving on the women's board of the Troy Boys Club and is sponsor of the Troy Junior League. For recreation Mr. Marvin turns to golf and tennis and also enjoys traveling. He belongs to the Troy Chamber of Commerce and is a captain in the Officers Reserve Corps. His college fraternities are Phi Delta Theta and Phi Delta Phi, the latter a legal organization. He is a director of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and also of the New

York State Waterways Association. For three years he was chairman of the board of directors of the New York State Association and for many years a member of the New York child labor committee. He became manager and for two years was chairman of the board of managers of the Pawling Sanatorium at Wynantskill, New York, receiving his appointment from the Rensselaer county board of supervisors. He is vice president of the Rensselaer County Tuberculosis Association, secretary of the Rensselaer County Historical Association, a member of the State Charities Aid Society, and through appointment of the mayor has become commissioner of recreation for Troy. Mr. Marvin's interests and activities have covered a wide scope and he has given generously of his services for the public good.

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## HON. WALTER W. WESTALL

Hon. Walter W. Westall has long been closely associated with the work of the courts in Westchester county and is now senior member of the firm of Westall, Stohldrier & Barrett, prominent attorneys of White Plains. Since 1923 he has occupied the office of state senator. He was born in Cornwall, Orange county, New York, October 9, 1880, a son of John Wendt Westall, Jr., and a grandson of John W. Westall, Sr., who resided for a number of years in California, but spent the latter part of his life in New York city. His son, John W. Westall, Jr., was born on Charles street in that metropolis August 8, 1847, and died in Cornwall, New York, in 1910, when sixty-three years of age. During the Civil war he was a Union soldier, entering the service when very young, and subsequently he engaged in building and contracting, becoming a prosperous business man. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and his political support was given to the republican party. For some time he was deputy sheriff of Orange county and he served as overseer of the poor for thirty years. He married Catherine Wilbert, who was born in Cornwall, July 4, 1846, and there passed away in February, 1930, at

the age of eighty-four years. She was a daughter of Louis and Catherine Wilbert, who emigrated to the United States from Germany, settling on a farm near Cornwall, where their remaining years were spent.

Senator Westall pursued his education in his native town until graduated from high school in 1898 and then enrolled as a student in Syracuse University, which awarded him the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1902. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he opened an office in Syracuse, where he practiced for four years, and then went to New York city. There he was associated with the law firm of Palmer & Adams until 1910, when he removed to the suburb of Westchester, practicing under his own name until January, 1931. He has since been head of the firm of Westall, Stohldrier & Barrett, engaged in general practice. Mr. Westall is also president of the Fleetwood Bank at Mount Vernon, New York.

In Syracuse, New York, on the 19th of November, 1905, Senator Westall was married to Miss Marion E. Freeman, and they have a daughter, Dorothy Edna, who completed a course in the Roger Ascham School at White Plains and later took up art at the Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York. The residence of the family is on Soundview avenue, White plains.

Senator Westall gives his political allegiance to the republican party. In the days when White Plains was still a village he became one of its trustees and his interest in the welfare and progress of his community has been expressed in many tangible ways. In 1918 he was elected to the assembly of New York and occupied a seat in the house for four terms, or until the close of the session of 1921-22. In that connection he was instrumental in securing the passage of needed legislation, establishing a record which won for him election to the state senate, of which he has been a member since 1923, or for eight years, a period marked by the accomplishment of much important work. During the World war he was one of the Four-Minute speakers and at all times he has conscientiously discharged the duties and obligations of citizenship. Fraternally he is identified with the local lodge of Masons, and

with White Plains Lodge, No. 535, B. P. O. E. Along social lines he has connection with the Delta Chi and Phi Delta Theta societies, the Syracuse University Club, the White Plains University Club, the Westchester Hills Country Club, the Milton Point Club, the Saxonshire Riding Club at Scarsdale, New York, and is a charter member of the White Plains Rotary Club. A devotee of golf, he spends many of his leisure hours on the links and through healthful outdoor exercise he maintains that vigor of mind and body so essential in legal and other lines of work. He is a member of the Westchester County and New York State Bar Associations and has a high conception of the dignity and responsibility of his profession.

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## CLAUDE THOMAS DAWES

The legal and executive ability of Claude Thomas Dawes is indicated by the fact that he has served continuously as solicitor general of the state of New York since the creation of this office, his incumbency having been under eight different attorneys-general. He was born July 13, 1881, in Johnstown, New York, and is a son of William and Mary Jane (Gerrard) Dawes. William Dawes, who is now engaged as a department store proprietor in Johnstown at the age of seventy-eight years, was born in England, and came to the United States as a glove cutter when he was a young man. His wife, who was likewise born in England, died in 1924.

Claude T. Dawes attended the grade and high schools, then entered Cornell University in 1899, and in 1903 received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from this institution. Following his graduation, he entered the Albany Law School, from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1905. He was admitted to the bar of New York state during the same year and became associated with the important legal firm of Parker, Hatch & Sheehan of New York city, with which he remained for six



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years. During this period, he was secretary to Judge Alton B. Parker, head of the firm for four years. In 1913, Mr. Dawes was appointed deputy attorney general of the state by Attorney General Thomas Carmody. In 1927, the office of solicitor general of New York was created, and he was appointed as the first incumbent. He also organized the office itself and has served continuously since that date. He has developed the office of solicitor general to a high state of perfection, and it is considered as one of the most valuable units of the state administration.

On January 30, 1906, in Johnstown, New York, Mr. Dawes was married to Bessie Atty Sammons, of that city, a daughter of Theodore and Athena (Atty) Sammons. Theodore Sammons, the father of Mrs. Dawes, died in 1926 in Sammonsville, New York, which town derived its name from the family. The mother, Athena Atty, was born in Fonda, New York, and died in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Dawes have become the parents of three children, namely: Ruth G., who is a graduate of the Art School of New York, and is now a costume designer; Olive S., who is a student at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; and Robert G., who is attending the Milne high school in Albany. The Dawes residence address in the city of Albany is 94 Melrose avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Dawes are both active in the social affairs of the city and in official circles, and each has manifested a public-spirited and patriotic type of citizenship.

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## GEORGE A. SHARP, M. D.

Dr. George A. Sharp of Fishkill has many professional activities to claim his time, yet he allows himself the pleasurable diversion of ruminating on local historical episodes of the early period and also finds time to read old historical volumes, especially those which give intimate glimpses of the people and customs of the enchanting period of our colonial forbears. Although a native of Massachusetts, Dr. Sharp has through his years of contact with the Fishkill neighborhood become part and parcel thereof,

committed to the interests of this community, which has ever been proud of its participation in the stirring phases of our country's history. Perhaps an added incentive to this interest is that he owns and occupies a very historic old residence. It was erected directly after the Revolution by a Dr. Hunting, subsequently occupied by Leonard B. Horton and remodeled in 1854 by Andrew Wright, who then owned it. Another owner was Joseph I. Jackson. It was originally very beautiful along simple, substantial lines and has been extended and embellished by the later owners. The present occupant has made many improvements both in the house interior and in the landscaping of the grounds.

Dr. Sharp was born in Westfield, Massachusetts, in February, 1883, the son of George H. and Sarah (Beals) Sharp, whose respective families were early established in America, the Sharps being among the colonial contingent of the Bay state. Our subject attended the grammar and high schools of Massachusetts and received his professional training in the Albany Medical College, which conferred upon him the degree of M. D. He specialized in nervous diseases and served for several years on the staff of Matteawan Hospital. On his enlistment in the American Army for World war service he received a commission as captain and was trained at Camps Devens and Upton. He was sent overseas with the First Division and saw service on the front line with combat troops, participating in the Meuse drive, also in the action on the Argonne front. He was mustered out with the rank of captain at Camp Merritt, July 5, 1919, and he holds membership in the American Legion post at Beacon, New York.

Following the completion of his medical course, Dr. Sharp served an interneship at Ellis Hospital and also did postgraduate work at the Post-Graduate Hospital. After being honorably discharged from the army, he was connected with the Matteawan State Hospital as a neuro-psychiatrist and as senior assistant physician until relinquishing this post to enter upon private practice at Fishkill, where his professional labors have since been attended with most gratifying success. He also serves on the

staffs of the hospitals at Highland and at Beacon and is consultant physician of Matteawan Hospital. Moreover, he is doing commendable work as health officer of his town and village, and he keeps fully abreast with the onward march of the profession through his membership in the Dutchess-Putnam Medical Society, and the New York State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Psychiatric Society.

Dr. Sharp was united in marriage with Miss Florence Marshall, daughter of De Forrest Marshall, and Louise (Jewell) Marshall, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Anita (Sharp) Carson.

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## WYMAN D. PASCO

Opportunity has ever been the call to action to Wyman D. Pasco, who has constantly enlarged the scope of his activities and is numbered among the most enterprising and successful business men of Warrensburg, his native town. He was born December 30, 1890, and is a son of Delbert E. and Sarah A. (Magee) Pasco. The father, a native of Johnsburg, New York, removed to Warrensburg in 1887 and here established a sash and door factory, which he successfully operated for many years.

Having mastered the branches of learning taught in the grammar and high schools of Warrensburg, Wyman D. Pasco enrolled in the Albany Business College at Albany, New York, and there pursued his studies until his graduation in 1912. Before entering that institution he had engaged in teaching at Stony Creek, New York, during 1910 and 1911 and in the following year joined his father and brother in the firm of D. E. Pasco & Sons, handling hardware and grain. In 1916 the firm became agent for the Ford cars at Warrensburg, retaining the business to the present time, and in 1922 they took over the Buick agency. In 1923 they purchased the general grain, coal and merchandise business of the Upper Hudson Cooperative Mercantile Company. Two years later they acquired a half interest in the A. C. Emerson Com-

pany, wholesale dealers in coal and lumber, and in 1927 bought the F. W. Smith grain, flour and feed business. Endowed with keen discernment and sound judgment, Mr. Pasco has carefully avoided the many pitfalls into which unrestricted progressiveness is so frequently led and has prospered in all of his ventures. He controls a business of extensive proportions and is also a director of the Lake George Bank.

On the 25th of September, 1912, Mr. Pasco was married to Miss Lenita E. Mills, a daughter of John C. and Clara (Pitkin) Mills, of Warrensburg. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Pasco, one, Ralph E., is deceased. The others are Clara E., Robert E., Helen E. and Mary L. In religious faith the parents are Methodists and contribute liberally toward the support of the church. Mr. Pasco is well known in fraternal circles through his affiliation with Warrensburg Lodge, No. 425, of the Masonic order and the local lodge of Odd Fellows. For ten years he has been a member of the town board and in 1921 became a justice of the peace, which office he held until 1931. In June, 1931, Mr. Pasco was appointed supervisor of the town of Warrensburg. In his public service he has ever been actuated by high ideals and is an ardent advocate of all that he deems vital to the welfare of his community. He has furthered its development and progress to a marked extent and the strength that he manifests in business affairs has its root in those qualities which command respect and inspire esteem and confidence.

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## J. CRAWFORD STEVENS

J. Crawford Stevens, president of the Westchester Title and Trust Company of White Plains and its three subsidiaries, has given the best efforts of his life to the service of this large corporation and, like many men of prominence in the business and financial worlds of today, he has risen to the top through hard work and perseverance, coupled with the ability to meet and master situations. He was born in Danbury, Connecticut, Sep-

tember 2, 1872, a son of Charles W. and Lydia (Crawford) Stevens. The father was a dealer in men's furnishings and a lifelong resident of Danbury. The mother was a daughter of John and Margaret Crawford and one of thirteen children.

In 1874, when he was but eighteen months old, death deprived J. Crawford Stevens of his father, after which the son lived with his mother and an older sister in the home of his maternal grandfather, who was a retired Methodist minister, and in his youth was surrounded by elevating influences, having two uncles who also became Methodist preachers. The spiritual atmosphere in which Mr. Stevens lived as a boy shaped his course throughout life, which has ever been guided by high ideals and worthy purposes. When very young he manifested an energetic, self-reliant nature and earned his first money by selling the Danbury News from house to house. He also made twenty-five cents per week by driving cows to and from the pasture of "Uncle" McDonald, a neighbor, whose farm has since become celebrated in a Rotary song.

On the death of his maternal grandfather in 1886, J. Crawford Stevens removed with the family to Tremont, New York, when a lad of fourteen and there continued his education in the public school at One Hundred and Seventy-third street and Third avenue. In the summer of 1887 he became office boy for Pettyman & Crawford, manufacturers of cigars, the junior partner being his uncle, and started with the understanding that this was to be only a summer job with a weekly salary of four dollars. However, at the opening of school in the fall he obtained from his uncle permission to remain as office boy and from that time forward he acquired his education through the medium of experience. In the winter of 1888, the year of the blizzard, having had a misunderstanding with his former employer, he sought another job, which he found as office boy with H. Dewey, an importer of glue and shellac, located at 59 Cedar street, New York city. His duties consisted of cleaning the office, tending fire and running errands. He was thus employed until July, 1888, when the concern failed.

It was through Horace Anderson, a visitor at the Stevens home, that Mr. Stevens became connected with the Title Guarantee & Trust Company, of which Mr. Anderson was secretary. In relating his experiences during this period in his career Mr. Stevens said: "Again my position was that of office boy and my salary seemed to remain the same, no matter what business I entered, whether it was cigars, shellac or financial. I was then sixteen years old. From office boy I held the positions of inspector, application, insurance and recording clerks, and finally was given charge of the supply room. It was this same year, 1890, my mother died. I was then at the age of eighteen. My sister and I moved from Tremont to Harlem to live. In 1894 I was placed in charge of the Harlem office of the Title Company, which was located at 159 West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street, New York city. I had one assistant. Soon after the company opened another office further downtown, known as the West Side office and located at 266 Columbus avenue. This office was also placed under my supervision. On November 7, 1902, I was made secretary of the Westchester and Bronx Title and Mortgage Guaranty Company, with temporary offices located at White Plains. It may be interesting to note that the offices were located on the same site as the present quarters of the company. On January 1, 1903, we opened for business at the southwest corner of Grand street and Main street, now occupied by the County Trust Company. In 1916 I was elected vice president. In 1919, on the death of President Francis M. Carpenter, I became his successor." In addition to serving as president of the Westchester Title and Trust Company and its three subsidiaries, Mr. Stevens is president of the Wells Holding Company, a director of the Mamaroneck Trust Company, a director of the Coy-Hunt Company, and a director and treasurer of the Great Eastern Fire Insurance Company. He has the wisdom, the mental alertness and administrative power of the successful executive and his broad grasp of affairs has made his cooperation of direct benefit to every organization with which he is identified. His connection with financial interests covers forty-three years and his associates

rely upon his opinion and judgment in matters relative thereto.

On the 18th of September, 1916, Mr. Stevens was married in White Plains to Mrs. Charlotte Munson Hunt, formerly of Derby, Connecticut, and they established their home on Greenridge avenue, White Plains, where they lived for a number of years. In 1929 Mr. Stevens erected his fine home on North street, known as "The Shadows," one of the beauty spots of White Plains. During the World war Mr. Stevens was chairman of three Liberty Loan campaigns here and also of the second Red Cross drive. He is a member of the Methodist Church and is one of the trustees of the Young Men's Christian Association of White Plains. He is treasurer and a director of the Westchester County Chamber of Commerce and fraternally he is an Elk. At its formation in 1919 he was elected the first president of the White Plains Rotary Club and during his tenure of office the organization had the most successful year in its existence. His political belief is indicated in his connection with the Republican Club of New York and his name also appears on the membership rolls of the Westchester Country Club and the City Club of White Plains. Depending entirely upon his own efforts, Mr. Stevens has steadily progressed in usefulness and influence and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. He has never deviated from the course dictated by conscience, honor and good judgment and men esteem him for his genuine worth and the substantial qualities he has displayed in business and financial affairs and in citizenship connections.

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## RAY EARL WHITFORD

Ray Earl Whitford is well known to motorists of Saratoga Springs as the proprietor of a business at 91 Church street, where he is engaged in general automobile repair work, and is also a dealer in radios. He was born in Northumberland, New York, July 2, 1880, a son of Hiram P. and Alfretta (Curtis) Whitford, the former a native of Northumberland and the latter of Schuy-

lerville, this state. The mother departed this life in 1892 and was long survived by the father, whose demise occurred in 1930.

After acquiring a public school education Ray E. Whitford started to work for his uncle, who had a candy store at Schuylerville, and remained with him for three years. The period from 1895 to 1899 was spent at Saratoga Springs and he then went to Florida, accepting a situation in the Royal Ponciana Hotel, with which he was connected for two years. Afterward he was engaged in engineering work in New York city for several years and in 1911 returned to Saratoga Springs. For five years he filled the position of engineer at the Saratoga Hospital and was next associated with John Dwight, of New York, for three years. Subsequently he embarked in the general automobile repair business at Saratoga Springs. Employing experienced, competent mechanics, he renders to his patrons service that is thoroughly satisfactory and is local distributor of the Willard batteries. He also sells radios and his business is efficiently managed and conducted on a paying basis.

On the 22d of July, 1909, Mr. Whitford was married in Bayonne, New Jersey, to Miss Elizabeth Bailey, who was born in England. Her father, Arthur Robert George Bailey, also a native of that country, passed away in 1912 and the mother, Mrs. Emma (Wren) Bailey, is now living in Roselle Park, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Whitford have three children: Robert James, who is a young man of twenty-one and is associated with his father in business; and Ray Curtis and Arthur Wren, aged respectively fifteen and thirteen years, both in school.

Mr. Whitford is a Methodist in religious belief and his political allegiance is given to the democratic party. At the time of the World war he endeavored to enter the service of his country but was rejected for physical disability. He belongs to the Saratoga Lions Club, while his fraternal affiliations are with the Elks and with Rising Sun Lodge, No. 103, of the Masonic order. Deeply interested in motion pictures, he has done much research work along that line. He has traveled extensively, taking pictures of the places of interest that he has visited, and his films are in great

demand not only among local organizations but throughout the state of New York. Mrs. Whitford belongs to the Eastern Star and also to the Katrina Trask Association. She is well known in social circles of Saratoga Springs and Mr. Whitford figures prominently in the business life of his city, manifesting those qualities which win for a man the respect, confidence and good-will of his fellows.

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## ERNEST L. OWEN

Ernest L. Owen, general manager of the Poughkeepsie Star, is a newspaper man and a journalist of varied experience. He was born in Marion, Ohio, and received his first lessons in newscraft in that city, the home of the late President Harding, who also was a newspaper man and proprietor of Marion's leading paper. Mr. Owen served on this paper as an associate of Warren G. Harding, and like all who came under the spell of the gracious personality of the late president, he treasures a sincere and abiding admiration for the magnetic but simple, great-hearted man who rose from a small-town editorship to the presidency of the United States.

Ernest L. Owen was born in Marion, Ohio, October 8, 1885, his parents being William T. and Anna (Gruber) Owen, the former also a native of that place and a son of Truman Owen. The family is of Welsh lineage but has been represented in America since the landing of the Mayflower. Mr. and Mrs. William T. Owen were the parents of nine children, of whom three daughters became successful educators—Marjorie, Clara and May, the last named being well known as a teacher of music. George E. Owen, a son, is a veteran of the World war.

Ernest L. Owen is a graduate of Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio, from which he received the Bachelor of Arts degree. He taught school in his youth and served as an instructor at college. Following the completion of his university course he became associated with the Marion Star, while subsequently he was

on the staffs of the Mirror and the Tribune of his native city. His journalistic experience also includes an executive position on the Anderson Bulletin of Anderson, Indiana, and later newspaper work as manager of the Argus of Middletown. In 1915 he joined the staff of the Poughkeepsie Star, with which he has been continuously connected throughout the intervening period of sixteen years, now holding the official position of secretary and general manager.

In early manhood Mr. Owen was united in marriage to Bonnie Marie Pinyard, a native of Marion, Ohio, and a daughter of M. H. and Anna (Neely) Pinyard. Mrs. Owen is a relative of the late President Harding by marriage, and is the mother of a daughter, Jean. Mr. Owen has membership in the Rotary Club of Poughkeepsie, the Amrita Club, the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club, the Rombout Hunt Club and the Dutchess Golf & Country Club, being vice president of the last named.

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## RAYMOND CASE PRIME

Raymond Case Prime, attorney at law, engaged in general practice at Lake Placid, was born in Upper Jay, Essex county, New York, May 10, 1891, and is a son of Spencer G. Prime. The great-grandfather was an early settler in Essex county, to which he removed from Rensselaer county, New York. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. The grandfather of Raymond C. Prime was a successful lawyer who practiced for many years at Upper Jay and was known throughout that section of Essex county. The Prime family is of Dutch origin and was established at Upper Jay early in the year 1800. The grandfather was a lifelong resident of that town and attained the venerable age of eighty-five years. In his family there were nine children, all of whom are deceased except Mrs. J. T. Heald, of Upper Jay. A. S. Prime, one of the sons, joined the Eighteenth Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry, with which he saw active service in the Civil war. Silas W. Prime, another son, was married



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June 3, 1873, to Susie L. Fay, by whom he had four children: Spencer G. (II), Mrs. Francis Joseph d'Avignon, Mrs. Margaret McElroy and Mrs. Harley Dunbar. Spencer G. Prime (I) was born in Upper Jay, April 10, 1851, and died June 16, 1926, at the age of seventy-five years. Early in his business career he joined his brother, Silas W., in a mercantile enterprise and at Upper Jay they established a large general store. From 1875 until 1910 this was conducted by Prime Brothers, wholesale and retail merchants, and in the latter year the business was taken over by Keith & Branch. Prime Brothers also dealt extensively in real estate and played a conspicuous part in the development of Keene and Lake Placid. They were the builders of the Adirondack House at Keene Valley and St. Hubert's Hotel at Keene Heights. At Lake Placid they built the Mirror Lake House, and also the Bonnieblink House, which was the first property purchased by Dr. Melvil Dewey. The firm likewise constructed the Cascade House at Cascade Lakes, which was purchased by the Lake Placid Club, and they were long classed with the foremost builders of this part of the state. Silas W. Prime was born at Upper Jay, September 14, 1846, and supplemented his public school education by a course in Eastman's Business College. He was a lifelong resident of Essex county but during his later years spent the winter months in Florida and died in St. Augustine. Keenly interested in the welfare and advancement of his district, he served on the board of supervisors, and fraternally he was a Mason. Like his brother Silas, Spencer G. Prime was a business man of high standing, and in financial circles he was also well known as vice president of the Au Sable Forks Bank and a director of the Plattsburg National Bank & Trust Company of Plattsburg, New York. In movements for the upbuilding and betterment of his district he was a leading spirit and on the republican ticket was elected supervisor of the town of Jay, continuing on the board for several terms. During the session of 1887-88 he was an assemblyman and served as senator of the thirty-first senatorial district from 1901 until 1906. He married Fannie Sweeney, who has traced her genealogy in this coun-

try back to the time of Ethan Allen and is one of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a native of Clintonville, Clinton county, New York, and a daughter of James and Cynthia Sweeney. Her father was an agriculturist and died at the age of fifty years. To Mr. and Mrs. Spencer G. Prime were born two children: Raymond Case; and Clyde, who died at the age of four years.

Raymond C. Prime was graduated from the Plattsburg high school in 1910 and pursued his classical education in Syracuse University, which awarded him the A. B. degree in 1914. For two years thereafter he was a student at the Albany Law School, graduating with the class of 1916, and in that year was admitted to the New York bar. On the 22d of February, 1918, at Lake Placid, he enlisted for service in the World war and was sent to Camp Devens near Boston, Massachusetts, for training, becoming sergeant of his company. While there stationed he was engaged in legal work for the government and in March, 1919, was mustered out of the service. He then entered upon the general practice of law at Lake Placid and has so continued. He is caring for a large and growing practice and also has business and financial interests, being a director of the Adirondack Theatre Corporation and a director of the Bank of Au Sable Forks.

Mr. Prime was married June 27, 1922, to Miss Mary Featherstone, a native of Au Sable Forks and a daughter of Edward and Anna H. (Meigs) Featherstone. For many years her father has been the directing head of H. Smith & Company, one of the older mercantile firms of Au Sable Forks, and the mother is also living. Mr. and Mrs. Prime now have three children: Theodore F., who was born January 15, 1924; Raymond C., Jr., born August 11, 1926; and Georganna, born July 27, 1929.

Mr. Prime has membership in the Lake Placid Kiwanis Club, the Lake Placid Country Club, the Indole Golf Club of Au Sable Forks and the Dumoine River Gun and Rod Club of Canada. He is an enthusiastic sportsman and devotes two months of the year to hunting and fishing in Canada. In Masonry he has connection with Lake Placid Lodge, No. 834, F. & A. M., of which

he is a past master; Plattsburg Chapter, No. 39, R. A. M.; Adirondack Commandery, No. 82, K. T., of which he is a past commander; Rochester Consistory, A. A. S. R.; and Oriental Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Troy. He also belongs to Saranac Lake Lodge, No. 1508, B. P. O. E., and is past commander of Lake Placid Post, No. 326, of the American Legion. For eight years he has been a member of the Lake Placid board of education and is now serving as its president. Mr. Prime is a strong advocate of all that he deems vital to the welfare of his community, and at all times he has been a close follower of the highest ethical standards of his profession.

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## HENRY F. ENGLISH

Long identified with business interests of Newburgh, his native city, Henry F. English wrought along the lines of progress and success and was well known throughout the Hudson River Valley by reason of the extent and importance of his building operations. He was born in 1871, a son of Michael and Mary (Lanigan) English, who were natives of Tipperary, Ireland, and came to the United States after the close of the Civil war, settling in the Empire state.

The educational advantages enjoyed by Henry F. English were afforded by the parochial and public schools of Newburgh and when his text-books were laid aside he entered upon an apprenticeship as a bricklayer. Industrious and adaptable, he soon became proficient and followed that occupation in New York city for a few years. First as a foreman and later as superintendent of construction he was closely associated with various development projects and continued as an employe until 1907, when he engaged in contracting under his own name. With broad experience in general construction work, he prospered from the start and with the passing years his business steadily expanded. His interests were systematically and carefully managed and his skill and efficiency as a builder won for him many important con-

tracts, not only in Newburgh but throughout the valley. He closely studied every question relative to his work, so that he was able to meet every contingency and give a definite opinion upon any point of construction. He was classed with Newburgh's leading contractors and remained at the head of the business until his death in December, 1930, when he was fifty-nine years of age and at the zenith of his career of usefulness.

In June, 1898, in Holy Cross Church in New York city, Mr. English was married to Miss Mary E. Gallagher, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (McLaughlin) Gallagher, and of the four children born to them, three are deceased. The son, Henry F. English, Jr., supplemented his public school education by attendance at Columbia University in New York city and at his father's death took over the contracting business, which is located at 136 Dubois street. He is thoroughly conversant with all phases of construction work and under his progressive and capable direction the continued growth and success of the business is assured. Socially he is well known as a member of the Newburgh Wheelmen, the City Club, Elks Club, and the Iroquois Fishing and Hunting Club. Reared in the Roman Catholic faith, he is a communicant of St. Patrick's Church and in politics he is a republican. Sagacious, forceful and farsighted, he represents a fine type of the modern business man and is a worthy son of an honored sire, whose passing deprived Newburgh of one of its most influential, valuable and highly respected citizens.

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## CHARLES EDWARD ALLEN, D. D. S.

Dr. Charles Edward Allen is one of the prominent and successful representatives of the dental profession in Albany, where he has been actively engaged in practice since about 1895. He was born in Coxsackie-on-the-Hudson, Greene county, New York, November 29, 1863, a son of Henry Lewis and Elizabeth Coffin (Macy) Allen. The American progenitor of the family was William Allen, who emigrated from England to Pennsylvania about

1699 and was an eminent and prosperous merchant in Philadelphia. He married Mary Budd, in the year 1700, and a son, William Allen, became Chief Justice of the state of Pennsylvania. A son, Thomas Allen, great-great-grandfather of Dr. Charles Edward Allen, was baptized in the First Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1707. In 1747 he married Elizabeth Chadwick of Peekskill, New York, and settled at Livingston Manor, Columbia county, New York, about 1750. He died at Churchtown in 1794. William Allen, son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Chadwick) Allen, born in 1756, lived at Churchtown, New York, and passed away October 11, 1833. He assisted in placing the iron chain across the Hudson at West Point in the spring of 1778 to prevent the British ships from coming up the river. He and his wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Sherman or Shaurman, were the parents of Peter Allen, grandfather of Dr. Allen, who was born February 14, 1782, and died March 9, 1865. Peter Allen followed farming as a life work. On the 4th of November, 1804, he married Hannah Covel of Hillsdale, New York, a granddaughter of Admiral Seth Covel of the British Navy, and they were the parents of Henry Lewis Allen, father of Dr. Charles Edward Allen, who was born at Greenport, Columbia county, New York, October 8, 1819, and died April 22, 1903, at East Chatham, New York. Henry Lewis Allen was active in business as a shoe merchant of Coxsackie-on-the-Hudson, gave his political allegiance to the republican party and was a consistent member of the Second Dutch Reformed Church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Coffin Macy, was born May 6, 1826, in Hudson, New York, a daughter of Jared and Mary (Coffin) Macy, and died March 5, 1895, in Albany, this state. Her father was born at Quaker Hill, New York, November 20, 1782, a son of Reuben and Ruth (Howard) Macy. He engaged in contracting and building throughout his active career and passed away May 14, 1871, in Hudson, New York. Reuben Macy, grandfather of Mrs. Elizabeth Coffin (Macy) Allen, was a direct descendant of Thomas Macy, the founder of Nantucket, whose name is perpetuated on the pages of history as "the persecuted

Quaker," celebrated in the annals of New England as the first white settler of Nantucket, and the hero of Whittier's poem, "The Exiles." Thomas Macy, a native of Chilmark, Wiltshire, England, purchased Nantucket Island and was a resident there in 1639. He was made a freeman on the 6th of September of that year at Newbury, Massachusetts, became a successful planter and merchant and was widely known as an influential citizen. He died on the island of Nantucket, August 17, 1693.

Charles E. Allen pursued his education in the public schools of Coxsackie-on-the-Hudson and in Hudson Academy, and after putting aside his text-books held several positions as salesman. He next spent a year in the study of medicine under Dr. L. A. Frazier in Amsterdam, New York, after which he worked as assistant secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association in Albany for a similar period. In preparation for a professional career he then enrolled as a student in the dental department of New York University, from which he was graduated with the degree of D. D. S. in 1891. He located in Albany about 1895 and has here continued in practice to the present time, maintaining well appointed offices with all the latest equipment at 24 Dove street. Dr. Allen is a member and past president of the Third District Dental Society and also has membership in the New York State Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

On the 30th of June, 1897, in Albany, Dr. Allen was united in marriage to Elizabeth A. Hallenbeck, a native of Guilderland Center, New York, and a daughter of Isaac and Elizabeth Ann (Spawn) Hallenbeck. She has membership with the Daughters of the American Revolution, being eligible thereto by reason of her descent from Jacob Hallenbeck, who served in the Revolutionary war as a lieutenant in General Philip Schuyler's regiment. The first representative of the family in America was Casper Jacobse Hallenbeck, who came to this country from Holland in 1650 and settled in Albany. His grandson, Hendrick Hallenbeck, owned eighteen hundred acres of land which adjoined that of General Schuyler. Hendrick Hallenbeck married Susan Bratt and from this couple the line of descent is traced down to

Isaac Hallenbeck, the father of Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, who was born in Guilderland, New York, October 3, 1839, and died in Albany, December 2, 1911. Isaac Hallenbeck was active in business as a retail grocer and subsequently became a traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery concern. He trained soldiers for the army during the period of the Civil war, was made lieutenant by Governor Horatio Seymour and later was appointed captain by Governor Reuben E. Fenton. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Dutch Reformed Church. In early manhood he married Elizabeth Ann Spawn, who was born in Guilderland, New York, October 20, 1840, and there passed away October 23, 1912. Their daughter Elizabeth acquired her education in the public schools of Albany and is now a member of the Women's Club and the Dutch Settlers Society of this city. By her marriage she has a son, Donald H. Allen, born May 28, 1904, who was graduated from Hamilton College with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1925 and from the Albany Law School with the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1929.

At the polls Dr. Allen supports the men and measures of the republican party. He was one of the organizers and the first president of the Westland Hills Improvement Association of Albany, which was active in the development and improvement of the western portion of the city. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to James Ten Eyck Lodge, No. 831, F. & A. M., and his salient personal characteristics are such as have won him the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact in both social and professional relations. His favorite diversion is touring.

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## WILLIAM LOUIS CUDDEBACK, M. D.

Dr. William Louis Cuddeback, one of the foremost representatives of the medical profession in the Hudson River Valley, has been continuously engaged in practice at Port Jervis since 1878 and has been a member of the Orange County Medical Society for over half a century, serving as its president for one term. He is a

native of the Minisink region, born in Deer Park, New York, April 26, 1854, and comes of French Huguenot ancestry, representing the sixth generation of the family in America. His parents were Elting and Ann Bevier (Elting) Cuddeback, of Deer Park, New York.

William L. Cuddeback pursued his early education in the local schools, continued his studies in Cornell University, and was graduated in medicine in Bellevue Medical College of New York in 1876. After two years' service as interne in Bellevue Hospital he began the general practice of medicine and surgery at Port Jervis, where he has continuously followed his profession since 1878, covering a period of more than a half century. He has long enjoyed an enviable reputation for professional skill and ability of a higher order and is accorded a place of leadership among his colleagues and contemporaries. Dr. Cuddeback was local surgeon of the Erie Railroad from 1892 until 1929 and represented the New York, Ontario & Western Railroad in a similar capacity until 1908. He was also on the staff of St. Francis Hospital of Port Jervis as consulting surgeon. During Grover Cleveland's second presidential term he acted as United States pension examining surgeon. Aside from his professional activities he has figured prominently in financial affairs, being president of the National Bank from 1900 until 1925 and the executive head of The National Bank & Trust Company of Port Jervis from the latter year until January 1, 1931.

On the 14th of October, 1880, Dr. Cuddeback married Alice D. Malven, of Port Jervis, who passed away October 24, 1915, leaving a family of two sons and three daughters, as follows: Frank E., a resident of Syracuse, New York; Dr. Edgar G., of Port Jervis; Mrs. Elizabeth C. Green, of Oradell, New Jersey; Mrs. Alice C. Green, of Suffern, New York; and Mrs. Philenda A. Stryker, of Flushing, New York. On the 20th of July, 1921, Dr. Cuddeback was again married, his second union being with Miss Anne Kuykendall, of Port Jervis.

In public affairs of his community Dr. Cuddeback has long manifested a keen and helpful interest. He served as president

of the Port Jervis board of education from 1887 until 1892 and for the past thirty-nine years has been president of the Port Jervis Free Library. He has occupied the presidency of the Minisink Valley Historical Society since 1926 and in 1929 was made chairman of the committee of the sesquicentennial of the battle of Minisink. Though he has passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey, Dr. Cuddeback is still an active factor in the world's work and is widely known as a prominent physician and influential citizen of his community.

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## HILMER PHILIP PARSON

Hilmer Philip Parson, secretary and treasurer of the Parson Woodworking Company, Inc., and the founder of the business, which has become one of the important industrial concerns of Mount Vernon, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, January 31, 1897, a son of Axel and Amanda (Almquist) Parson. When he was but a year old his parents removed from Hoboken to the Upper Bronx district of New York city and there he acquired his education, graduating from school No. 16. While working for the firm of Kapp & Nordholm in Mount Vernon he gained a practical knowledge of the business in which he is now engaged. In 1917 he enlisted and although under weight, was accepted for service in the World war. Assigned to the field artillery, he was sent to Camp Jackson, South Carolina, for training, later going to Camp Hill at Newport News, Virginia, and at Camp Upton, Long Island, received an honorable discharge from the United States Army. He then resumed work at his trade and two years later, in 1924, formed the Parson Woodworking Company, Inc., which is located at Mount Vernon in a modern plant at 841 South Third avenue. Mr. Parson retains his home in the Upper Bronx, making daily trips to his office in Mount Vernon, and the steady growth of the business is largely due to his expert knowledge thereof, the executive force which he manifests as secretary and treasurer of the company, and his close supervision of the work

of production, which is maintained at a high standard. His mill has the latest and best facilities for making interior trim finish for houses and the demand for the output is constantly increasing.

In 1923 Mr. Parson was married to Miss Anna Nelson, a native of Philadelphia and a daughter of Carl Nelson, who is connected with the New York city office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Mr. and Mrs. Parson now have two children, Patrice and Hilmer. Fraternally Mr. Parson is a Mason, identified with John Stewart Lodge, No. 871, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Grotto. He votes with the republican party and his cooperation can always be counted upon in the furtherance of movements for the general good. Throughout his business career he has been an earnest, untiring worker, never losing sight of the goal fixed by his ambition, and his steadily developing powers insure his continued progress in the field in which his operating.

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## EDGAR F. POWELL, M. D.

A popular and successful physician of Fishkill, a veteran of the World war with a record of distinguished service, the subject of this sketch has crowded much experience into the measure of his years. Dr. Powell was born in Brooklyn, New York, May 10, 1890, the son of Henry F. and Elizabeth (Spears) Powell. His paternal grandparents, Samuel and Eliza (Hallock) Powell, were representatives of old Brooklyn families. Mrs. Elizabeth (Spears) Powell, whose mother in her maidenhood bore the surname of Terry, was born in England and accompanied her parents on their emigration to the new world, the family home being established in Brooklyn. Harold S. Powell, a brother of Dr. Powell, served in the aviation division during the World war and is now a teacher in the schools of Queens county, New York.

Edgar F. Powell was graduated from Hobart College with the degree of Bachelor of Science and later acquired his professional training in the medical department of the University of Buffalo,

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